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CHC: 3 new TB cases on Saipan

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Three new active cases of tuberculosis have been diagnosed on Saipan this month.

Tuberculosis is a disease caused by bacteria and usually affects the lungs but can also affect other parts of the body.

According to Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation-Division of Public Health Services Medical Director Dr. Ngoc-Phuong Luu the cases are not related to each other.

"None of the three cases are linked to each other. This means that one case did not cause the other cases," Luu said in a press release addressing the public.

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LAW DAY PROCLAMATION

Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres, Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog, Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro, Associate Justice John A. Manglona along with other lawmakers, judges, lawyers, court staff, teachers, and some winners for the 6th Annual Essay and Poster Contest winners pose for a group photo during yesterday's Law Day proclamation signing at the CNMI Supreme Court.

AT GRAND MARIANA CONSTRUCTION SITE: Imperial Pacific repeatedly violated, ignored BECQ orders

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Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC willfully and repeatedly violated permit conditions meant to prevent runoff and contaminants from entering the lagoon, among

other violations, at its casino resort construction site in Garapan, despite numerous warnings, fines, and cease-and-desist orders issued between the months of February and April, according to Bureau of Environmental Quality files released yesterday.

Imperial Pacific is the mother com-

pany of Best Sunshine International, Ltd, which is building the 14-story Grand Marianas casino resort in the former Samoa Housing site.

The casino company's construction workers essentially worked through ways to illegally pump the

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PTSA president: Handguns add new, dangerous threat to students' welfare

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Tanapag Middle School Parent Teacher Student Association president A. Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong said they oppose the legalization of handguns in



Ogumoro-Uludong

the CNMI because these weapons add a new and dangerous threat to the students' welfare.

"A handgun in the home or school creates new opportunities for murder, assault and sui-

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Manglona to be laid to rest Monday

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Government officials are set to fly to Rota to attend the state memorial and funeral services of former lieutenant governor Benjamin Taisacan Manglona on Monday and Tuesday respectively.

The state memorial services will start at 7:30am and end 12:30pm.

The funeral services on Tuesday run from 7:30am to 12:30pm.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has issued administrative leave to non-critical employees of CNMI departments and agencies to take leave for these honorary services on Rota.

Over the last week, the Commonwealth mourned the loss of the former lieutenant governor, who passed away at the age of 78. He was the CNMI's first lieutenant governor from Rota and a former Rota mayor.

Yesterday, government officials paid their final respects to Manglona at a viewing at the Kristo Rai Church in Garapan.

Former lieutenant governor Diego Benavente called Manglona "one of the CNMI's greatest leaders."

Benavente, who was House of Representatives vice speaker at the time Manglona was lieutenant governor, told reporters this week that he had the opportunity to work with Manglona during the 702 and 902 talks, or negotiations with the federal government regarding the NMI Covenant.

As a mayor of Rota, Manglona continued to show his love for the people, Benavente said.

"Almost everything that he did during his term in office was really for the benefit of the people. I am sure everyone will agree with that. He was

dedicated. He was hardworking and he did a lot," said Benavente.

"It goes to show how strong politically he was, because even though he was a senator from Rota, and really looked at as someone coming from Rota, when he ran as lieutenant governor with [former governor] uncle Larry Guerrero, they won. And that's because people loved, not just the former governor, but his runningmate and lieutenant governor."

Many of the pavilions that the community sees along the beach, Benavente said, were built by Manglona. "...From funds from his own account as lieutenant governor. He

used a lot of his own office money to build projects like the pavilions in the side of the beach, not just in Rota but here in Saipan.

"A lot of those pavilions that you see were built by former Lt. governor Benjamin Manglona using his own Lt. governor account."

From the Marianas District Legislature, Manglona was elected as a Congress of Micronesia representative until 1970 with the Northern Mariana Islands still being administered by the U.S. under the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

In 1972, he was part of the 13-member Marianas Political Status Commission—the body that negotiated the CNMI's political status with the U.S. Federal Government—representing the island of Rota.

After then-U.S. President Gerald Ford signed Public Law 94-241 that established the CNMI in 1976, Manglona helped draft the CNMI Constitution serving as vice president in the same year. He was elected to the first CNMI Leg-

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IN LAWSUIT OVER FATAL PLANE CRASH

Federal judge dismisses claims against 2 companies

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The federal court yesterday dismissed the passengers' claims against the registered owner and a company that performs maintenance of a plane that crashed at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport in 2012 in which one was killed and five others were injured.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge Consuelo B. Marshall dismissed with prejudice the four causes of action—negligence, wrongful death, negligent infliction of emotional distress, and strict liability—filed by the passengers against Marianas Air Transfer Inc. and Tinian Transportation Management Solutions Inc.

Dismissal with prejudice means the plaintiffs cannot reopen the case anymore.

Marianas Air Transfer is the registered owner of the aircraft involved in the crash, while Tinian Transportation Management performs maintenance on the plane.

Marianas Air Transfer and Tinian Transportation Management moved to dismiss the four claims and also requested to strike plaintiffs' demand for attorneys' fees. The plaintiffs filed a statement of non-opposition to the motions.

In granting the motion to dismiss, Marshall said plaintiffs allege that Marianas Air Transfer was the lessor and owner of the aircraft that crashed on Nov. 19, 2012, but do not allege that the company

was in "actual possession or control" of the aircraft on that date.

Therefore, Marshall said, Marianas Air Transfer cannot be held liable in this case.

The judge said plaintiffs have failed to allege facts sufficient to state a claim against Tinian Transportation Management as to causes of action—negligence, wrongful death, and negligent infliction of emotional distress.

Plaintiffs do not allege that either Marianas Air Transfer or Tinian Transportation Management is a carrier.

Instead, the judge said, plaintiffs' complaint specifically alleges that Star Marianas Air Inc. was the carrier involved in this incident.

"Therefore, Chapter III Article 17(1) of the Montreal Convention does not apply to defendants Marianas Air Transfer and Tinian Transportation Management," Marshall said.

Such provision in the Montreal Convention states that, in aircraft accidents, the carrier is liable for damage sustained in case of death or bodily injury of a passenger upon condition, only, that the accident which caused the death or injury took place on board the aircraft or in the course of any of the operations of embarking or disembarking."

On plaintiffs' request for attorneys' fees, the judge said damages in tort do not ordinarily include compensation for attorneys' fees or other litigation expenses.

Marshall said although there are several exceptions to the American Rule, plaintiffs do not argue that those exceptions apply here.

With this ruling, there are

remaining five claims—negligence against Star Marianas Air; negligence against Top Development Inc.; wrongful death against Star Marianas Air, Top Development, and Jae Choi; negligent infliction of emotional distress Star Marianas Air, Top Development, and Jae Choi; and strict liability pursuant to the Montreal Convention against Star Marianas Air.

The plaintiffs who sued are passengers—Xiuzhong Zhu, Meilin Zhou, and Xiaohua Zhou—who were injured during the crash. Xin Hong, another passenger who also suf-

fered serious injuries, agreed to settle the matter.

Xiaojie Ge, a representative of passenger Weilian Lu who was killed in the crash and Lu's minor daughter, Y. Ge, has also agreed to settle the case.

The seven-passenger Piper PA-32 Cherokee Six crash landed into the trees north of the runway at the airport on Nov. 19, 2012, killing Weilian Lu and injuring pilot Jae Choi and four other passengers. The plane was operated by Star Marianas Air, chartered by Marianas Air Travel, and maintained by Tinian Management Solutions.

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islature in 1976 as Rota senator and even became Senate president at a latter term.

He did not seek re-election in 1989 and instead joined the gubernatorial ticket of Lorenzo I. DeLeon Guerrero. The DeLeon Guerrero-Manglona tandem won the election and was sworn into office in 1990. They served for only one term and in 1998 Manglona was elected the mayor of Rota and served until 2006.

The CNMI House of Representatives, in March 2011, adopted House Resolution 17-45—authored by then-Rota representative Teresita A. Santos—honoring Manglona's significant contribution to the Commonwealth as a public servant.

The CNMI Senate, in April 2011, passed a bill renaming the Rota International Airport as the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport. Then-governor Benigno R. Fitial signed the bill later that year.



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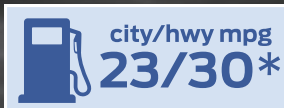
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project's waste and discharge and their potential contaminants into the lagoon through deficient runoff and erosion controls, unpermitted runoff pipes and ponding basins, and excavated grounds outside their permitted construction site, among others, according to these documents.

Construction workers have also seemingly disobeyed orders to stop working past extended working hours granted by the bureau, despite having the hours pulled a day before.

Construction workers continued to work into the night and Sunday, a day where construction is not permitted, in apparent plain sight to regulatory officials, according to these documents.

A highly placed regulatory official said fines have amounted to upwards of \$100,000 and even more.

"We are always working to resolve any issues," said casino CEO Mark Brown, when sought for comment outside a Commonwealth Casino Commission meeting yesterday afternoon.

"Any issues that are found we are trying to resolve as quickly as we can," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Warning signs

According to the sheaf of documents, the first notice of violation was given to Brown last Feb. 5.

The bureau warned then of violation of permit condition stemming from "a failure to receive 'written approval' from the bureau to dispose of debris or material from the construction site 'at any other location other than the Lower Base Transfer Station or the Marpi Landfill.'" The bureau wanted to ensure that written approval was granted, "prior to using any site" for the debris and waste other than the

transfer station or landfill.

Last Feb. 19, BECQ again issued a notice of violation, describing a bureau site visit on Feb. 17 to evaluate repairs to the construction sites' ponding basin containment.

The bureau said then that water from the containment was "spilling off the site through the erosion control barriers," or sandbags, and "onto the street adjacent" to the site.

"From the street the water was able to enter the Garapan drainage and flow freely into the lagoon," the bureau said.

And while the bureau ordered all work to stop the breaching water, which was mostly completed to their satisfaction, an examination of the street side of the project discovered "a 6- to 8-inch PVC pipe...concealed beneath handbags that were in place to stop drainage."

"What appeared to be was water flowing freely from this pipe directly into the canal at the beach flowing directly into the lagoon," the bureau said.

Last Feb. 26, the bureau warned of permit violations which required the casino company to submit "invasive species prevention plans" that educated its workers, inform workers of what to do if a live pest is identified in cargo, and to place brown tree snake alert posters at the construction site visible to all workers; among others.

'Unpermitted excavation'

Last March 1, the bureau issued a notice of violation/cease and desist order, saying that the company was in violation of one of its commercial earthmoving and erosion control permit conditions.

These conditions, among others, requires proper erosion and sediment control measures be implemented, these measures be inspected weekly and recorded after every runoff event, among others. The

bureau also said the company had violated regulations that prevents any person from earthmoving activity without the related permit.

The bureau described the violations as follows:

■ On Feb 12, 2016, BECQ officials address a runoff complaint south of Winchell's Donut Coffee shop, and observed a "steady flow of runoff" from the Imperial Pacific construction site unto the CPL Derence Jack Rd. and the adjacent canal.

■ On Feb 18, 2016, BECQ officials addressed another complaint of runoff coming from a concealed discharge pipe from the construction site, into the canal across Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan. And while they did not find the pipe, an official observed a clearing of vegetation at the beach side area outside and adjacent to the project's perimeter fence.

"It was confirmed that heavy equipment was used in the shoreline area to clear an access way to repair the northwest ponding basin," the bureau said.

BECQ ordered the company to immediately cease all runoff discharge, maintain erosion control measures, cease and desist with earthmoving outside the project site, implement mitigation measures, among others.

The bureau warned that failure to comply with the notice may have resulted in fine of not more than \$25,000 for each day of continued violation.

The bureau also discovered in February that substantial earthmoving and trenching was done adjacent to the fence line of Imperial Pacific's construction site, well within the shoreline's "areas of particular concern."

The trenching appeared to be used as "temporary ponding basin," the bureau said that was "outside Imperial Pacific International's property

boundaries."

"An investigation was conducted and it was discovered this activity was completed by a crew under the guidance of MCC International, a company under contract for work on and around the Imperial Pacific project site," the bureau said.

Last Feb. 22, a follow up visit revealed further violations: the trenching discovered previously had been back filled with beach sand "with the excess sand...pushed up against the out fencing of the project site."

The bureau directed the company to cease and desist from the activity and slapped a fine of \$40,000.

'Construction hours limited'

Still, the violations persisted.

In a March 15, 2016 letter to Peter Cheng, assistant general manager of design and planning under Imperial Pacific, Division of Coastal Resources Management director Fran Castro suspended the company's full 24-hour work schedule from Monday to Sunday.

"Imperial Pacific has been warned both orally and in writing of ongoing wastewater violations in contravention of permit conditions," wrote Castro. "On March 10...DCRM enforcement personnel witnessed illegal discharges of wastewater from your project site."

The March 10 inspections revealed unpermitted wastewater discharge from the job site.

It also revealed the site's wastewater diversion ditch within the project site with sandbags and soil berm that forced "all waste waters through the fencing into the off-site storm drainage." And that "no erosion control measures were seen which would prevent contaminants from leaving the site with the waste water discharge." The bureau

slapped a \$20,000 fine.

"DCRM had previously received credible reports of frequent and continuing violations, including photographs and videos of these discharges coming from your property," Castro wrote. "Imperial Pa-

PTSA

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cide, as well as attempts and threats to commit them, not to mention accidental death and injury from gunshot," said Ogumoro-Uludong in his declaration filed in federal court on Wednesday.

The declaration was attached to Tanapag Middle School PTSA's memorandum in support of its motion to intervene for purposes of appeal in the lawsuit filed by U.S. Navy veteran David J. Radich and his wife, Li-Rong, who prevailed in challenging the constitutionality of the CNMI gun control law.

Ogumoro-Uludong said a handgun can be easily carried, brandished, and used even by children too young to fully appreciate its dangers.

"Unlike a long gun, it is easily concealed and carried from place to place, including into the school," he said.

The PTSA president said a handgun has a cool and tough image with a natural appeal to adolescents.

The Tanapag Middle School PTSA recognized that there are steps that they can take to try to protect the children from the various dangers posed by handguns.

"For example, we could install metal detectors at the school gate, hire security guards, train teachers in tactics for calming down or disarming shooters, conduct 'active shooter' drills for students, teach classes in gun safety, conduct random searches of student backpacks, even arm teachers with guns of their own," said Ogumoro-Uludong, adding that they do not want to do these things.

Ogumoro-Uludong said they do not want metal detectors or security guards at their school.

He said they do not want the authoritarian climate of anxiety and insecurity that such things tend to create.

Ogumoro-Uludong said they do not want a "security state" in their school.

Furthermore, he said, they recognize that even totally effective security at school would not protect the students at home or out in the community.

"We do not want to be put in the position where we need to be concerned about developing such protective policies, or need to rely on them," he said.

The PTSA president noted that there are more than

cific has willfully violated the Coastal Resources Rules and Regulations and the terms of its permit."

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enough threats that the people need to be concerned about protecting the students from, such as drugs, domestic violence in the home, and sexual abuse.

"The threat of gun violence is a problem we have never had before, and we do not want it now," he said.

Ogumoro-Uludong said they recognize that handguns pose a serious problem for schools in the U.S.

"We have been able to rely on our geographic isolation and our strict gun laws to protect us from this plague until now. We wish to continue to do so," he added.

In Tanapag Middle School PTSA's memorandum, attorney Joseph E. Horey said if the U.S. District Court for the NMI's decision in the Radich couple's case is allowed to remain in force without appeal, the PTSA's ability to protect its interest in the "welfare of children and youth in home, school and community" will this be permanently impeded.

Horey said it can certainly be said that Attorney General Edward Manibusan in this case, who has characterized an appeal as "a waste of time," is "less than wholeheartedly dedicated" to opposing the Radich couple's aims.

Horey said while Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres has expressed support for an appeal in this case, and has shown interest in pursuing one through outside counsel if necessary, Manibusan has been overtly hostile to the idea of any appeal, and has questioned the propriety of anyone but himself in litigating one on the government's behalf.

"This kind of problem is new to the CNMI, and is a function of the recent constitutional amendment establishing an elective Attorney General independent of the administration," he said.

Horey said the PTSA is constrained by no such political considerations.

In her March 28 ruling, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona declared unconstitutional the CNMI gun control law that prohibits all residents from obtaining handguns for self-defense purposes.

In response, the CNMI passed Public Law 19-42, the Special Act for Firearms Enforcement, which removes the ban on possession of handguns and also establishes new rules for transporting and using firearms.

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However, an active TB case can be contagious.

"There are two types of TB, active and latent ('sleeping' TB). People are only able to give TB to others when they have active TB and are displaying symptoms of active TB such as prolonged coughing," Luu said.

Both active and "sleeping" TB are treatable, according to the DPH. Treatment varies from six to nine months depending on the type of TB. Medications and appointments are free through the Chest Clinic.

Luu said DPHS and the TB Program/Chest Clinic personnel are actively screening all potentially exposed persons

who qualify as "close contacts" of the three active cases.

Just last week, DPH conducted a testing on students and staff of Marianas High School for TB due to possible exposure as a result of a recent active case.

"For those people who test positive, we are offering free assessment and treatment at the Chest Clinic. If you have not been contacted, it means you are not one of the close contacts," Luu said.

The bacteria of TB can spread through the air through coughing, sneezing, speaking, singing, shouting, or even laughing.

One has a higher risk of breathing in the bacteria when one is in close contact to a person with active TB for prolonged periods of time and exposure occurs in

a small enclosed space with poor ventilation.

"Transmission of TB is mainly through respiratory droplets (phlegm/sputum). People who are at highest risk of getting TB from a person with active TB are people who have a large amount of contact time with that person. The spouse, children, and relatives who live in the same house are at highest risk," Luu said.

"Other people with a higher chance of getting TB compared to a complete stranger are that person's frequent personal contacts. For example: their co-workers whom they see and talk to regularly," the doctor added.

Luu added that the chance of getting TB is "essentially non-existent" if a person just happened to have casual con-

tact such as being in the same store, same restaurant, or same church as the person.

"You cannot 'catch' TB from touching the same things a person with active TB has touched," Luu said.

Luu said that the Pacific Islands have a much higher percentage of TB cases than in the U.S. mainland or Europe.

"Lots of people might be infected with 'sleeping' TB and not know it. You can go years, even decades, without 'feeling' anything or getting sick. As we screen more people, we may detect more TB cases by sheer chance but this does not necessarily mean that we have more TB in Saipan/CNMI," Luu said.

The Chest Clinic may be contacted at 234-8950, extension 3515 or 3514.

BOE, PSS has no jurisdiction on bus shelters

CNMI education officials said yesterday that the local State Board of Education and the Public School System does not own the bus shelters located in villages.

BOE chair Herman T. Guerrero said they are glad that community members are stepping up and taking charge in the repair and maintenance of more than 20 bus shelters scattered around the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

"We just want to clarify that they are not owned by the PSS, they are not PSS property. Our job is to pick up and drop off kids, that's it," said Guerrero after yesterday's special board meeting at the PSS Emergency Operations Center in Capital Hill.

"We're glad that there are businesses and organizations who are helping in the maintenance of these bus shelters. Companies maintain and repair a lot of these bus shelters. We don't ask them to do it and neither do we issue permits for them to do it," added Guerrero.

He said that businesses or organizations wrote to the PSS as courtesy and informing them that they would repair or adopt a bus shelter for them to maintain it. "If they say they are going to do it, we welcome their help."

"Again, we are not the agency that oversees it. It is not on PSS land, bus shelters are built on public land. This is beyond the authority and jurisdiction of the board. We don't own the property and did not build the facilities."

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan added that with the bus shelters built on public lands, it is the Department of Public Works' duty to maintain it. She said that they don't earmark any funds since DPW is responsible for right of way facilities and those built on public land.

"Bus shelters are an extension of the schools so we also make sure they are properly maintained. We just collaborate with DPW with this since they don't have enough staff."

She said that's why they are encouraging community involvement when it comes to the repair and maintenance of the bus shelters. "Organizations like the Rotary, Lions, and others help in maintaining these shelters and we are truly grateful for all their help." (Jon Perez)

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PH voters rush to vote on last day of field voting

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More than 1,500 registered Filipino voters on Saipan have cast their votes for the 2016 Philippine National Elections.

The four-day field voting for overseas absentee Filipino voters on Saipan concluded at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-purpose Center in Susupe yesterday.

According to Philippine Consulate General-Guam consul Mark Hamoy, chair for the Special Ballot Reception and Custody Group, the total returned ballots were at 1,520.



FRAULEINE VILLANUEVA-DIZON
Around 50 Filipino voters were part of the last batch to cast votes on Saipan as the field voting for the overseas absentee voting closed yesterday. In total, more than 1,500 on island have already exercised their suffrage for the ongoing overseas absentee voting of the 2016 Philippine National Election.

Several more have claimed their ballots but have not yet returned them and may send them to Guam until the closing period on May 9.

"All the returned ballots we'll bring with us, then the unclaimed ballots will be shipped back also tomorrow," Hamoy said, who will be flying back to Guam tomorrow with SBCRG member Cristy Yap.

They were deputized by the Philippine Commission on Election to conduct the field voting on Saipan.

Hamoy said the number of Filipinos exercising their right to

vote was progressive throughout the four days starting with about 300 on the first day to almost 500 on the last day.

"I'm glad that despite our operations being a weekday, there was a significant turnout especially the last day. Some people were even calling their friends who are included in the list of voters. This is a very important election and I hope that the Filipino voters will lead us to a new set of Filipino leaders who will continue what we have achieved in the past," Hamoy said.

"I would expect this is more than 2013 because this year is a presidential election year. Compared to mid-term elections, usually there is greater turnout during presidential elections," he added, "Unfortunately we couldn't stay longer especially during a weekend, it would have helped boost the turnout."

Asked how soon will the ballots be transferred to the Special Board of Election Inspectors and fed to the automated vote counting machine stationed in Guam, Hamoy said they would still need to check the validity of the returned ballots based themselves and count.

"As SBCRG, we will still tally our actual counts before we turn them over to the Special Board of Election Inspectors," Hamoy said.

Although there were no major issues with the casting of votes, Hamoy said looking at the return envelopes, there may be some ballots that will be rendered invalid.

Voters had to properly seal the envelope for the bal-

lot using the paper seal and write their name and signature on the proper side of the envelope.

There are 5,768 registered voters in the CNMI. While ballots for Tinian and Rota were said to have been distributed by mail, more than 10 boxes of unclaimed ballots were repacked at the end of the field voting period yesterday.

The ballots will no longer be of use since the request period to mail them is already over.

Asked what will they do with the ballots, Hamoy said they are not sure yet.

"Unclaimed ballots, those are useless ballots. We will wait for what the Comelec says we'll do with it," Hamoy said.

Valuable volunteers who helped with the four-day field voting on Saipan were the Marianas Institute of Filipino CPAs and Accountants headed by their president Butch Ordas, United Filipino Organization, Rose Soledad of IT&E, and the Office of Honorary Consul to the Philippines Glicerio Arago.

Meanwhile, the Republic of Palau has also finished with their field voting scheduled last April 20 to 22.

For other areas under PCG-Guam's jurisdiction such as Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Marshall Islands ballots were also sent through mail.

Overseas absentee voting in Guam, where there are more than 3,000 voters, will continue until May 9.

There are about 11,900 registered Filipino voters under the PCG-Guam's jurisdiction.



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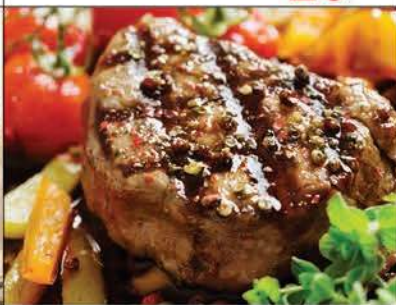
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Mangarero appointed to DPL board

»Advisory board gains quorum

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres this week appointed Manuel Mangarero to the Department of Public Lands' advisory board, filling the final seat in the five-member board needed to establish quorum.

The advice and the consent of the Senate is not required and Mangarero will serve a two-year term.

With quorum, this will allow the advisory board to meet for the first time since DPL was established through Public Law 15-02.

"The lieutenant governor

and I are confident that with your experience, you will perform admirably in assisting the Department of Public Lands carry out the mandates of the Council."

Per its establishing statute, the advisory body is limited offering guidance to the DPL secretary on its comprehensive

land use plan and home-stead programs.

The other board members are David Evangelista Jr. from Tinian, Henry Hofschneider from Saipan, and Antonio Quitugua from Rota, and William Torres for the Northern Islands. They are appointed by municipal mayors. **(Dennis B. Chan)**

KagES now accepting kindergarten registration

Kagman Elementary School is now accepting new application for kindergarten for school year 2016-2017. Registration for kindergarten has started on April 11 and will end on May 13, 2016. Kindergarten

registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please come to KagES main office from 8:30am to 3:30pm to register your child.

The following documents are needed to complete the

student registration process:

- Complete Registration Form (required)
- Student Health Certificate (original/required)
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Please note: Any child may be admitted to kindergarten at the beginning of a school year if the child's 5th birthday occurs on or before Sept. 30 of the school year for which the application is made. **(PR)**

Man arrested after smashing truck's windshield

A 22-year-old man was arrested in San Vicente Wednesday night after he allegedly smashed the front windshield of his father's Toyota T-100 pickup truck with a hollow block and damaged other items in their house after his mother refused to allow him to use the vehicle.

When police officers responded to the house, they also found near the residence some marijuana plants in flower plots that were allegedly planted by the suspect, Franklin Arriola Agulto.

Agulto was taken to Superior Court yesterday for bail hearing on charges of criminal mischief, disturbing the peace, and possession of controlled substance. Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho allowed Agulto to post \$275 cash bail and \$2,475 in unsecured bond.

Preliminary hearing will be on May 4 at 9am.

Police Detective Peter A. Aldan stated in his report that it was Agulto's sister who called the Department of Public Safety about the disturbance at their house in Kagman 3 on Wednesday noon.

Aldan said based on his investigation, Agulto came home at 12:20pm then started shouting and arguing with his mother about his father's truck.

The defendant's father was in Guam at that time. Agulto

asked to use the truck, but his mother refused.

Agulto was slamming the side kitchen door, prompting his mother to tell him to stop it because her two grandchildren were sleeping.

Agulto walked outside to the garage, picked up a hollow block and threw it at the front windshield of the truck.

He then punched one glass cabinet, smashing it. As a result, he sustained a cut on the right hand.

The mother took her two grandchildren, who were awakened by the noise, outside the house.

Agulto also threw and smashed a cooking pot at another glass cabinet door.

Upon learning that his sister called the police, Agulto fled on foot.

One of the two responding officers observed in the jungle about 20 feet north from the house's garage what appeared to be marijuana plants in flower pots.

The mother and sister told police that Agulto planted the marijuana plants and revealed that he is a marijuana user.

Police said repair for the truck's windshield was estimated at \$550 to \$574. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

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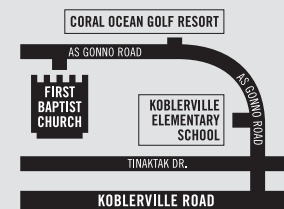
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Torres signs, disapproves several bills

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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REPORTER

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed into law yesterday a House bill that requires businesses that rent motor vehicles to provide customers with copies of the CNMI's driver handbook.

House Bill 19-62 is now Public Law 19-43. The bill was authored by Rep. Glenn L. Maratita (R-Rota).

Torres also signed into law yesterday a bill to ban the importation of used tires.

House Bill 19-89, authored by Rep. Vinson Sablan (Ind-Saipan), is now Public Law 19-44.

Sablan's bill finds that an ongoing inflow of used tires can pose serious environmental concerns and says the lifespan of such tires is "limited" and will lead to a build-up of unusable tires and CNMI's transfer stations and dump sites.

The bill also says the use of such tires can yield serious motor safety concerns because of their durability and dependability, which the bill says can contribute to fatal car accidents.

Torres, meanwhile, disapproved yesterday House Bill 19-58, which establishes

minimum mandatory sentences and allowing longer sentences, among others, regarding local firearms regulations.

Torres, in a letter to the House and Senate, said the strengthening of criminal penalties on firearm use and possession was laudable but parts of the bill conflict with the recent Public Law 19-42, or SAFE Act, approved on April 11. "Because the attorney general is working draft legislation to further amend the Commonwealth's Weapon Control Act and other parts of the Criminal Code, I am referring HB 19-58 to the Attorney General to review and determine whether parts of the bill should be incorporated into the draft bills being prepared by his office."

Torres also yesterday disapproved Senate Bill 19-37, writing to the House and Senate that the bill would have the opposite effect of its intent.

The Senate bill intends to regulate the production and sale of *afok/bweesch*, or "lime," in the CNMI.

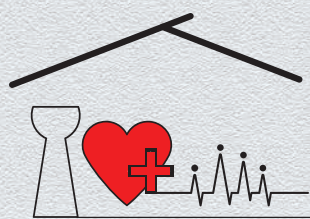
The bill's proposed amendment reads, "No person shall manufacture, prepare, preserve, package, or

store for sale any food, *afok*, or *bweesch* under unsanitary conditions and must have a Food Handler Certification and a Sanitary Permit as required by the Bureau of Environmental Health."

But Torres points out that the subject for the phrase beginning with "must have a Food Handler" is "no person."

In other words, Torres says the bill states "No person shall manufacture, prepare, preserve, package, or store for sale any food, *afok*, or *bweesch* under unsanitary conditions. Any person who shall manufacture, prepare, preserve, package, or store for sale any food, *afok*, or *bweesch* must have a Food Handler Certification and a Sanitary Permit as required by the Bureau of Environmental Health."

Torres said the recommended amendment "comports with the bill's intent" to closely regulate the production and sale of lime, but adds he would be willing to consider a new bill which "expressly requires" businesses to obtain certificates and permits necessary to ensure that products for sale are processed in a clean, safe, and sanitary manner.



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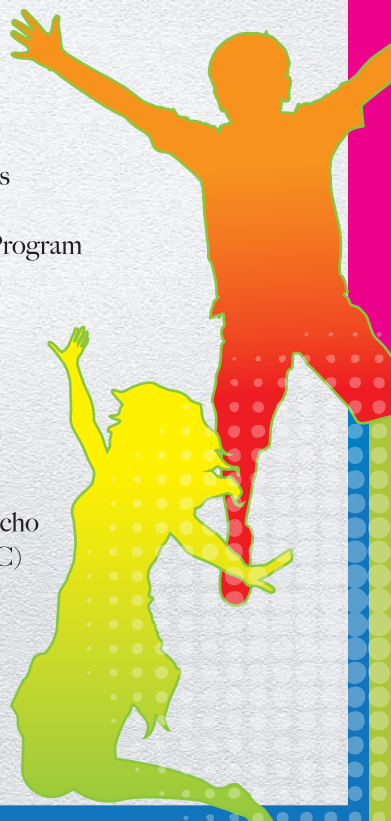
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The rally is in anticipation of the decision of the United

Nations Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague, Netherlands, with regards to the case filed by the Philippines against China and the latter's illegal claims on the West Philippine Sea.

The Protest Rally against China's Aggression in the West Philippine Sea will be held from 3pm to 4pm tomorrow.

In related news, the US-P4GG Marianas Chapter and

the NYMWPS Sea Marianas chapter would like to invite all its *kababayans* and friends to join their grand rally and meeting to support former secretary Mar Roxas and Congresswoman Leni Robredo in the coming May 9, 2016 Philippine National Election.

The grand rally and meeting will also be held tomorrow, April 30, from 4pm to 7pm at the San Jose Intersection. **(PR)**



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SDA Guardians off to robotics nationals

Three of the five-members of the Saipan Seventh-day Adventist School Guardians and coach Melanie Stroud left yesterday to compete in the North American Division Invitational of the Adventist Robotics League. The tournament is set on May 1 in Sacramento, California.

The North American nationals is by invitation only with the Guardians earning one of the three spots after a surprising but impressive performance in the 10th Annual North Pacific Regional Robotics Challenge in Walla Walla, Washington early this month.

Team SDA's robot design and project presentation—on their research of turning waste to energy—earned first place in each category. They then placed second in Core Values/Teamwork to finish second overall out of 15 other SDA

schools that competed.

Those awards were enough to earn the team the invitation to the Invitational tournament for the North Pacific Region.

Rannon Palacios, Sion Park, and Miles Timmons—who represented the CNMI in the regional tournament held at the Walla Walla Valley Academy College Place—are the members joining Stroud. Cory Lee and Harvey Zhang are also part of Team Guardians.

Stroud said they managed to raise the airplane fare with the help of several sponsors that answered their call when they were still unsure of going to the tournament. She added that they remain confident that other donors would follow even though they are already in Sacramento.

"We had enough sponsors for our airfare and are stepping out in faith for the other

expenses. We could still use some more sponsors if anyone would like to help," said Stroud, who previously helped another Adventist-run school in Alaska win the Adventist Robotics League Nationals.

They bought the tickets last week after getting enough pledges to book the flight for April 28, Thursday, giving them enough time to arrive for the competition. They left at 9:50pm last night with the promise of representing the CNMI to the best of their abilities.

"We kind of stepped out in faith because we don't have the full amount we need for the entire trip. Now we just need the remaining funds to pay for our car, food, etc.," Stroud said.

She added the North American Invitational will be similar to the regional tournament but

is expected to be a bit longer as more teams will be joining. "The competition should be finishing up around 10am, Monday morning Saipan time."

The ARL and Walla Walla

University's Edward F. Cross School of Engineering sponsors the event in cooperation with the First Lego League and the Junior FLL.

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Release the secret 9/11 pages

In 2002, two years before the blockbuster 9/11 Commission report provoked by the events of that day, a bipartisan congressional task force published an 838-page report on how terrorists attacked America. But the account as released wasn't complete: A 28-page passage that may describe possible Saudi Arabian official connections to the terrorists was kept secret.

President George W. Bush ordered those pages be withheld, purportedly for fear that their release could jeopardize America's intelligence sources and methods. But there probably was another reason: to preserve official Washington's relations with a longtime ally in the Middle East.

After the attacks, there was widespread suspicion that the Saudis had somehow aided al-Qaida kingpin Osama bin Laden and the plotters, possibly with financing. There were ample reasons for that suspicion. Among them: 15 of the 19 hijackers were Saudi citizens. So was bin Laden.

Now, under pressure from Congress, the Obama administration says it soon may release at least part of the report. The Saudis have said they would welcome the release of the chapter because it would "allow us to respond to any allegations in a clear and credible manner."

We say, release the entire passage. Let all the facts come out. Free of selective editing by the Obama administration.

The Saudis have long denied any involvement in 9/11. The 9/11 Commission report in 2004 did not expose any direct Saudi government links to the attackers. But check this curious passage from page 171:

"It does not appear that any government other than the Taliban financially supported al-Qaida before 9/11, although some governments may have contained al-Qaida sympathizers who turned a blind eye to al-Qaida's fundraising activities," the report said. "Saudi Arabia has long been considered the primary source of al-Qaida funding, but we have found no evidence that the Saudi government as an institution or senior Saudi officials individually funded the organization. (This conclusion does not exclude the likelihood that charities with significant Saudi government sponsorship diverted funds to al-Qaida.)"

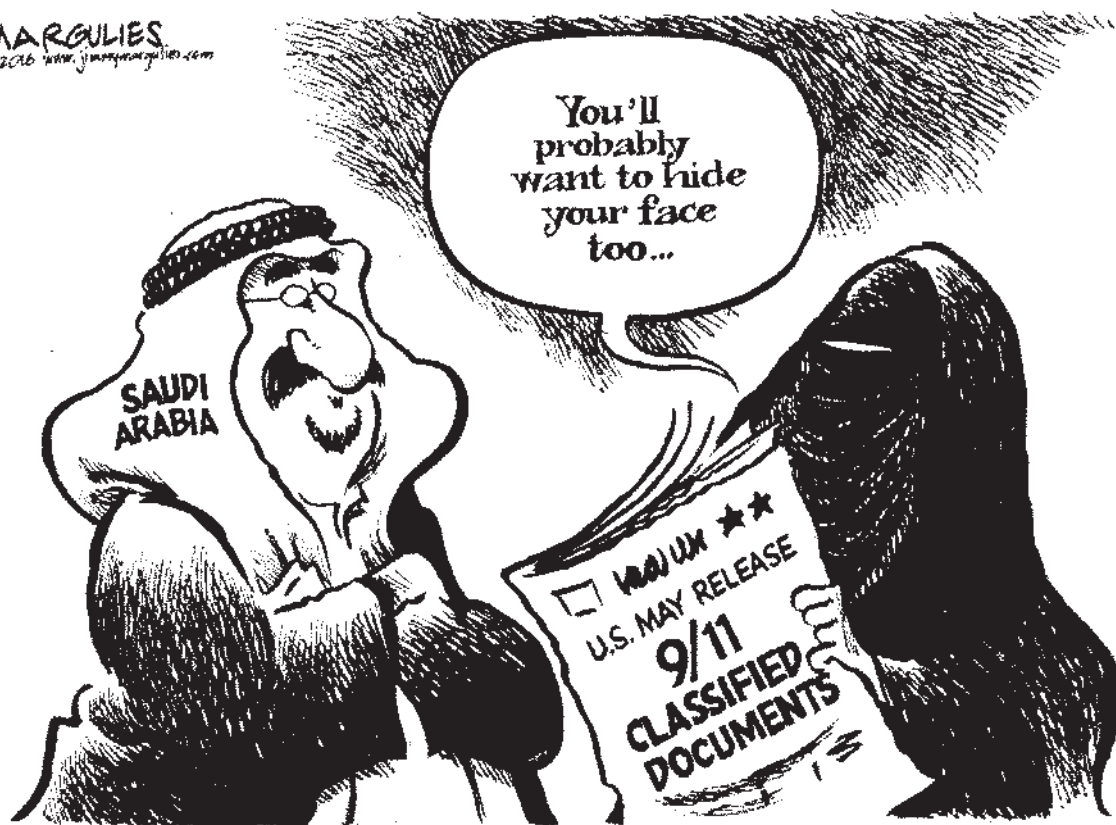
That's not exactly an ringing exoneration.

Former U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer of Indiana, a Democrat who was a member of the 9/11 Commission, described the 28-page section of the earlier congressional document as a "preliminary police report": "There were clues. There were allegations. There were witness reports. There was evidence about the hijackers, about people they met with — all kinds of different things that the 9/11 Commission was then tasked with reviewing and investigating."

The 28-page secret passage may not be conclusive. But it could shed more light on the Saudi government's connections, if any, to the attackers. At the very least, releasing it will dispel the notion that Riyadh and Washington have something terrible to hide.

U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff of California, the top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, has read the secret pages and wants them declassified, even though he thinks doing so won't resolve every question: "As is often the case, the reality

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Chaoxian

We castigate North Korea these days, more than usual. The usual is that NoKor are the bad guys of the Far East, a hangover notion from the drubbing the Americans got when they butted into Korean Affairs.

We forget that Korea is part of Sinosphere (plus Japan, North Vietnam, and China). Yanbian in China are full-fledge Koreans, with the towns of Yangi, Tumen, and Hun Chun, up to Mudanjiang, heavy on Korean accents. Chaoxian is the name the Chinese gives North Korea who calls the whole peninsula Chosun, though the South Koreans prefer to be called Hanguk. The word Chaoxian also applies to the Korean War of the early '50s.

The whole of Manchuria was part of the Goryeo Empire (from where the word "Korea" derives from) so Manchuria was really Korea-in-China, or China-in-Korea, extending the rule into Sakhalin Island in the Sea of Okhotsk and Kamchatka peninsula.

The Manchu came from Changbaishan, the mountains on the China side of the border with Korea, on the Heavenly Lake, known as Baektu where the Koreans, too, originated, making the Manchu Goryeo's cousins. Or, vice versa. The Manchu later ruled China as the Qing Dynasty.

Goryeo became a territory of Japan after Nippon humbled the Russian Navy, annexed Manchuria into its East Asia plans until after World War II. The political designs of Russia and the United States, and the Cold War game of who pulls the nuclear trigger after the A-bomb devastation in Japan, split the peninsula into two, with Uncle Sam supporting the South, and the North leaning on Stalin.

Truman's police force in Korea was unintended as the U.S. after Japan's surrender turned over two military ships to South Korea. Pentagon, however, was feeling its oats after the A-bombs were exploded over Hiroshima and Nagasaki that it wanted to flex its new nuclear muscles in front of Mao and Stalin initiating the Cold War. Sailors on one of the two U.S. ships for South Korea immediately sailed to Pyongyang and joined Kim in his Juche self-reliance drive.

Macho Americano was not to be shamed with the wily and diehard nationalist Syngman Rhee (of Vietnamese-descent) goading the United States to support his desire to rule. The "Korean" strongman lasted as a three-term President; he inflamed the Cold War to red-hot intensity. Korea suffers the aftermath of that discord scorching the two sides of the 38th parallel.

After World War II, with the split of Korea, Kim's forces moved quickly south in June of 1950, trapping the South Koreans in the Pusan perimeter. Immediately, Uncle Sam got the newly formed United Nations to declare the North hostile; assisted by the technology of Japan for armory and logistics under MacArthur, a UN counter-offensive (more than 80 percent of the troops were U.S.) was organized launching an Inchon counter-

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offensive that drove Kim's troops to the China border.

A threatened Mao who just banished Chang Kai-shek (who was a WWII ally of Stalin and FDR) to Taiwan, had disciplined down-jacketed troops in Manchuria (Mao's stronghold where the communists overrun the nationalists), crossed the Yalu River in October, and routed the UN forces who were not really prepared for the winter. Chinese intervention made the international force retreat until mid-'51. NoKor remained steadfast; Seoul's dramatic reversals of fortune change hands four times with a dirty war of attrition in the next two years.

Meanwhile, U.S. jetfighters invented during WWII (the Germans practiced bombings on Franco's Guernica, painted by Picasso into fame) practiced on Nokor; the Soviets flew their jets in defense of their allies, the first time in history that jet fighters confronted each other in air-to-air combat.

Fighting ended July '53 when an armistice was signed, shortly after Stalin died in March. The treaty created the Korean Demilitarized Zone separating the South and North, resulting in the exchange of prisoners. However, the cessation of armed conflict did not result in a peace treaty. The stalemate that resulted later drew the 38th parallel as the dividing line and that's how the world became familiar with Panmunjom. GI Joe stayed and ladies learned to fold bed sheets.

The Soviets withdrew support of North Korea, and each of the Kim's three generation at the chairman's seat chugged train engines from Pyongyang to Mudanjiang in Manchuria on their way to Beijing when they visited.

Because of kneejerk distrust of anything Chinese (the U.S.-Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 was repealed only in 1943 when China was a U.S. ally), and NoKor's reliance on them make NoKor suspect as well, and those in the U.S. who failed to declare the Philippines a part of America were not going to make the same mistake on Korea by Seoul's Walker Hill.

Ferdinand Marcos prepared Martial Law, sent minions to meet with U.S. uniforms in Seoul, insuring U.S. Bases' support in Clark Air Base and Subic Naval Station. SoKor is a child of America, nailing NoKor on a cross, a favored bull's eye target practice of US media.

OK. Vilify. Here, come take a shot.

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Happy trees and a sad one, too

You'd have to have a wooden heart not to appreciate flame trees, coconut trees, breadfruit trees, and ironwood trees. I like them all, even though I grew up around other types that I appreciate just as much. We had maples and elms in one area, and willows and pines in another. There's no need to get too involved with categorization, though. With all the simple pragmatism of youth, I had only one criterion for trees: how good they were for climbing.

It seemed to me that my time was better invested climbing up trees than sitting in classrooms. This outlook didn't endear me to the People Who Knew Better. So I endured many finger-wagging lectures about how there was no future in climbing trees, especially if I kept neglecting my cursive lessons.

Well, those lessons remained neglected, but I found that trees had some lessons of their own to offer.

One lesson came from an early example of theory vs. reality. On a crisp autumn day (and autumn is a very good season for climbing trees), I remember being confined to a stuffy and overheated classroom, gazing out the window at the colorful leaves of the maples. We were being lectured on, of all things, trees.

In this regard, a tree wasn't something to be climbed, but was just something to be described on a chalkboard, and in the driest possible terms. We learned fancy words like coniferous and deciduous, which, I suppose, said something about trees, but which said nothing about treeness. There's nothing wrong with this unless you start to confuse the two. And, in a broader sense, such confusion strikes me as a hallmark of the modern age.

Anyway, back to trees. Treeness is a very important thing. There were entire businesses that capitalized on that fact. An ap-

ple orchard in Wisconsin provided ladders and baskets to families who would pick their own apples. Parents would maintain a tired vigilance, arms folded, while their kids picked apples and scurried around the trees. For my family, this activity was rivaled only by Christmas as the highlight of every year.

I'd often think of that orchard when I worked in the tourism industry. It showed that one person's labor is another's recreation. If you grew up on an apple orchard, I'd imagine that picking apples might be the last thing you'd want to do in your spare time. There are, by contrast, other people who will pay for the privilege.

I've had favorite trees just about everywhere I've been, although I sometimes didn't think about them as favorites until after I moved somewhere else.

Some trees that couldn't be climbed still had their charms. My grandparents in the south lived on a property full of pine trees. Those weren't much fun to scale, but they'd drop big pine cones, which my sister and I would decorate with glue, sparkle, felt, and anything else that struck our fancy. There's probably an app for that now.

One of my favorite trees was dubbed the "thinking tree." It was at a small airport in the arid, brown hills of the American west. My friend, Sparky, had a repair business at the field. The tree had a picnic table under its shade. The peaceful setting was conducive to clear thinking, and I'd often do some paperwork while we ate cheeseburgers and fries, talked about flying, and while Sparky smoked cigarettes and soldered radio circuits.

Eventually, some genius chained a Porta Potty to the tree, employing the singular logic that the tree was the most convenient place to tether the thing.

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There's certainly a lesson in that sad little episode, but I don't really know how to present it. Why bother trying? Some things just speak for themselves.

On a happier note, the sages of the East had some things to say about trees. One of my favorite stories is about big old tree that was gnarled and consequently no good for lumber. Other, nicer trees were cut down for their wood, but the gnarled tree enjoyed old age by virtue of its very uselessness. This story resonates with me for reasons we need not contemplate.

One of my pals built a large tree house on Saipan that he camped in while he built his concrete house on the property. The tree house had a large platform as a floor, but the roof was merely a tarpaulin. The arrangement was surprisingly cool, I guess since it was up off the hot tropical ground. At the time I had a visitor from the mainland, a bishop, no less, and he later told me that the tree house was a highlight of his visit. That was enough for me to consider the tree house sanctified. Well, kinda' sorta'.

But for a guy like me, someone who can't even write cursive, kinda' sorta' is as good as things are likely to get. That's OK. Just leave me in peace with some trees, and I'll be all right.

Manglona: A true statesman

It was in the mid-'60s that I first met the late Lt. Governor Benjamin T. Mañgloña at the Congress of Micronesia on Capitol Hill. He represented southern Saipan, Tinian, and Rota in that august body. He hails from the humble southernmost isle in the archipelago, Luta.

It was also the beginning of a long relationship both at the personal and professional level. His career spans the entire political journey of the NMI from the old TTG days when Rota was a sub-district of Chuuk until he became lieutenant governor. And so he's had a perfect lens of the past and a vision of the future of the islands. He forged ahead and never looked back.

His usually humble demeanor could be deceiving. He was a man of substance, depth, vision, and brilliance. Most politicians have fallen off their saddles and turned permanent fixtures as dinosaurs. Manglona kept his youthful vision, brilliance, relevancy, and outlasted mostly everyone!

His ability to recombine the passion to help and brilliance of a visionary was the difference in leadership. Indeed, therein lies the

unique answer I've sought for years. His steady trajectory in politics is very unique returning each time as the favorite of his people.

His legislative prowess was superb and unmatched and could shepherd a controversial bill through even with detractors voting "aye" when roll call comes. A true statesman, he shakes the hands of his detractors especially after heated debates.

There were transformational shifts wrought by information technology. We changed from typewriters to computers. Yet, Manglona never lost sight of the fundamental changes and easily rolled with it. He remained relevant.

Manglona left an indelible legacy of his beloved NMI. He was the chief architect ensuring equity in the Legislature that is part of the Covenant Agreement—a bicameral system. He ensured that no one is stampeded as a consequence of being a powerless minority. His footsteps on the shores of these isles would glow for others to tread.

Indeed, our beloved friend has sailed into the beautiful sunset and under the bright blue skies of paradise he will rest in peace and tranquility. Si Yuus Maase!

Water politics: Acting governor Victor Hocog vetoed a measure that would have provided more water for Rota farmers deal with irrigating farmlands amidst a deepening drought. Hocog literally suffocated the livelihood of farmers who rely on growing vegetables and fruits for sale at home and at a larger market on Guam.

His decision on this issue is a microcosm of his sheer demagoguery gift-wrapped in arrogance and apathy! The measure was authored by Sen. Terry Santos aimed at helping farmers overcome the destruction of the dry season.

Though his concerns were appropriately addressed in the measure on overlaps of authority over water disposition he seems inebriated with toxic politics over rhyme and reason. So farmers are forced to watching their efforts turn into losses as the dry season roasts and torches their produce. Isn't helping the people he represents uppermost in his fiduciary duty?

Corruption: Now, Gov. Ralph Torres announced he would stamp out corruption in government. Sir, you can begin by asking your lieutenant governor to resign immediately. Ask him in plain simple English or Chamorro since when is it constitutional giving public funds to his family (\$400,000) to pay and run the MV *Luta*? Since can a delegation appropriate public funds via a resolution?

The resolution also revealed real shallowness and callousness usurping public law by amending it in violation of the intent of the casino law on funds earmarked for retirees. Amending a public law via a poorly crafted resolution? Did Hocog forget that the constitution reigns supreme as the law of the land? Call it lawlessness or constitutional infirmity. Humiliating!

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The hypocrisy is if Torres ignores his partner's glaring violation of constitutional law, the irony in their collective knowledge that it's a violation of law. Public funds illegally siphoned off via a resolution (not appropriation mandated by the constitution) for the Hokog family business is corrupt!

Inner voice: Occasionally, I'd experience dead silence—can't hear anything at all—for at least 15 seconds. I know that my inner voice (intuition) has a message. It's about knowing without knowing or call it unconscious reasoning. Steve Jobs said it's "more powerful than intellect." However we say it, *intuitively*, we know just what it is.

Questions begin rolling about the impending message. I'd ignore it deferring to the pleasantries of the fading sunset as the clouds, one by one, begin to glow, followed by glitter of a million stars. This particular evening neither came out.

Insolvency of the NMI government was quite prominent in mind. I think the cumulative deficit is about \$572 million. The NMI Constitution requires that such deficit must be retired the second year of the new administration. In this case, the Torres/Hocog administration must pay off the \$572 million deficit by the end of FY 2017—next year!

The fiscal obligation is so huge there's no wiggle room for pet projects including nepotistic hiring or more useless political loyalists.

PR experience: Puerto Rico is drowning in a huge sea of deficit even the feds are confused how to salvage it so it pays off its deficit. Millions of its people have moved to Florida and other states given the lack of opportunities at home.

Most damning is the exodus of doctors in recent past. In 2014, some 364 doctors left the island never to return. Last year, 500 doctors packed up. Most moved for more lucrative positions in the mainland U.S. When local funds or revenue generation heads further south this too could happen to the NMI where even our very own people are forced to evacuate elsewhere.

But there's yet another eruption ready to implode in the not too distant future. The toxic air would be so severe even a facemask would be useless. No wonder I relish peaceful moments alone.

RELEASE

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is less damaging than the uncertainty."

Fourteen years after the 2002 report, however, the Saudis are still on the defensive over suspicions that their country had a role in the Sept. 11 attacks. Case in point: The New York Times reports that Saudi Arabia has warned the Obama administration that it will sell off up to \$750 billion in Treasury securities and other assets in the U.S. if Congress passes a bill that would allow the Saudi government to be held responsible in American courts for any role in the 9/11 attacks. Sure sounds like someone is nervous about being sued by U.S. plaintiffs.


The release of the secret pages may or may not spur efforts by families of Sept. 11 victims to hold members of the Saudi royal family, Saudi banks and Saudi charities liable for alleged financial support of terrorism. It all depends on what's in those pages.

But that isn't our primary reason for urging release of the passage. This is:

American intelligence agencies famously failed to connect the dots to prevent the attacks. The 9/11 Commission blamed the FBI, the CIA and other federal agencies for disastrous lapses. The missing chapter should help Americans learn if congressional investigators connected any other dots.

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Partly cloudy with a slight chance of light showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.

▲ 88° ▼ 76°


SATURDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲ 87° ▼ 76°


SUNDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲ 87° ▼ 76°


MONDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲ 88° ▼ 76°

TUESDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

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A cold front southeast of Okinawa cuts southwestward from 25N135E to beyond 130E at 23N. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are along and up to 150 miles northwest of the front. A surface trough south of Koror stretches southeastward from 7N130E to EQ139E. Low-level convergence north and east of the trough is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms in patchy areas near and southeast of both Koror and Yap between 9N and the equator from 135E to 144E. A trade-wind trough is triggering scattered showers northwest of Chuuk within 80 miles of a line from 12N151E to 9N149E. Trade-wind convergence across the Marshall Islands is producing scattered showers within 125 miles of a line from 5N168E to 6N174E to 6N176E.

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87	▼ 79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 87	▼ 78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 90	▼ 79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 87	▼ 80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	▼ 79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 85	▼ 81
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 85	▼ 80

Auckland	Cloudy	▲ 67	▼ 59
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲ 84	▼ 58
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲ 79	▼ 73
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85	▼ 72
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 54	▼ 35
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 72	▼ 53
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 94	▼ 78
Melbourne	Showers	▲ 70	▼ 59
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲ 86	▼ 73
New York	Showers	▲ 59	▼ 49
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲ 63	▼ 51
Paris	Rain	▲ 58	▼ 44
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲ 66	▼ 51
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲ 73	▼ 53
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 65	▼ 45
San Francisco	Windy	▲ 65	▼ 51
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲ 71	▼ 49
Tokyo	Windy	▲ 67	▼ 50
Washington, DC	Showers	▲ 58	▼ 50



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Saipan Harbor			
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7:49 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
12:20 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
7:48 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet

Today	5:55 AM	6:34 PM
Saturday	5:54 AM	6:34 PM
Sunday	5:54 AM	6:35 PM
Monday	5:53 AM	6:35 PM
Tuesday	5:53 AM	6:35 PM

Today		11:16 AM
Saturday	12:21 AM	12:10 PM
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UA2924/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM
UA2922/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA2922/193	8:40am	10:35pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
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UA2920/191	2:20pm	8:55am+1	2, 6 via GUM
UA2928/191	6:05pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2926/191	9:50pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM

OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2922/159	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2921/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM

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DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily
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4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
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GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily

UA190/2927	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA190/2929	9:55am	9:20pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/2925	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2920	9:45pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM-Rota
UA192/2927	9:45pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2929	9:45pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/2925	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2920	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA184/2927	11:30pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
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UA116/2925	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2921	9:55pm	1:00pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
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8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The absence of sound public land policy for existing land leases

The lawsuit filed in CNMI Superior Court involving Kan Pacific, Ltd., Imperial Pacific International dba Best Sunshine, Saipan Entertainment LLC dba Club 88, and the CNMI Department of Public Lands is a good example of the uncertainty and confusion inherent in the CNMI government's public land policy with respect to businesses and investors who are now leasing or are planning to lease CNMI public lands.

The genesis of this litigation began about two years ago when Kan Pacific asked the CNMI government to renew its lease when it expires in a few years. The CNMI Department of Public Lands flat-out refused to negotiate a new lease with Kan Pacific, a company which had, for almost 40 years, literally invested hundreds of millions of dollars in hotel and golf course developments in the CNMI. (For those not familiar with the CNMI in the '70s and '80s, Kan Pacific was one of the original Japanese investors in the CNMI, together with the Hafadai Beach Hotel, the Saipan Grand Hotel, the Saipan Inter-Continental Hotel, the Coral Ocean Point Resort and Golf Course, and the former White Sands Hotel where the present Pacific Islands Club is now situated.)

After actively participating in the economic development of the Commonwealth for almost 40 years, what does the CNMI government do to Kan Pacific's request to renew its lease? The CNMI Department of Public Lands flat-out told Kan Pacific "No." It told Kan Pacific to submit a bid proposal with respect to renewing its lease on its own investment, just like any other interested bidder or proposer.

Was this decision of DPL based on sound public policy? Of course not. Was it fair? Clearly not. The fact that Best Sunshine was also interested in obtaining the Kan Pacific property had muddled Kan Pacific's request to renew its lease. But the most damaging aspect of the DPL decision not to negotiate a new lease with Kan Pacific was the message it sent out, in the process, to all public land lessees, including the Hyatt Regency Saipan, the Fiesta Resort & Spa, the Kanoa Resort, and others. DPL gave notice for the first time that, once any public land lease expires, the lessee's past and present con-

tribution to the economy of the Commonwealth will not have any weight or relevance to the CNMI government. It will not be considered at all.

If this is the public policy that the government wants to apply to existing public land leases, investors both from within and outside the Commonwealth will once again be wary about doing business

in the CNMI. The apparent basis for DPL making such bad public policy decision is, again, as we have seen all too often in recent years, the cronism and the buddy-buddy system that is openly practiced by CNMI government officials with their favorite investors in so many aspects of government decision-making. This is bad public policy for

the Commonwealth because good-faith investors will once again perceive the Commonwealth as a bad place for doing business. Why? Because the government is unfair and not above board.

The present lawsuit and countersuits going on among DPL, Best Sunshine, Kan Pacific, and Club 88 is the fallout from the bad public land policy decision that was made by DPL. This department did not fully consider all the adverse consequences that would flow from such bad policy decision. It conveniently decided to ignore the distinguishing feature of the Kan Pacific lease: that

Kan Pacific is an existing lessee, not a prospective lessee applying to lease undeveloped public land. Realizing that the die was already cast, however, and that it was fighting a losing battle with DPL and Best Sunshine, Kan Pacific reluctantly decided to cut its losses and sell its investments to Best Sunshine.

Whenever bad public policy decisions are made by the CNMI government, their adverse consequences on the economic well-being of the Commonwealth can be enormous. The court now has to step in and try to unravel the Kan Pacific mess that should

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7:00 p.m.	FESTPAC Northern and Southern Carolinian Women's Dance
7:30 p.m.	FESTPAC Talabwog Men's Stick Dance
8:00 p.m.	FESTPAC Chamorro/Southern Warriors Contemporary Show
8:30 p.m.	Maggie Naputi
9:00 p.m.	Marvin Deleon Guerrero and Jay Babauta
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Super successful golf tourney

The recently concluded 20th Annual Charity Golf Classic by Hyatt Regency Saipan was super successful for a one-day event. Organizational coordination and list of sponsorships from on and off island businesses was truly amazing. We were particularly impressed by hole-by-hole layout of volunteers/helpers and their charming and enthusiastic encouragement for all players. Even their synchronized flag-waving signals were well rehearsed. At every hole golfers were met by group of volunteers/helpers happily informing players of what the particular hole offers as a prize for a golfer to win.

Throughout the course golfers were provided with more abundance of drinks and drink carts were regularly making the rounds to make sure that no single golfer gets thirsty. The hotdog station was an energy booster, which was really great and the volunteers/

helpers were just wonderfully pleasant. With the exceptions of hole No. 13 where a short delay occurred. Nothing irritates golfer the most than to disrupt his/her golf tempo/rhythm but the two young volunteers/helpers manning the hole were very conversant and engaging with players which eased frustrations, otherwise, everything else was just pleasing to golfers.

Though no cash prizes were offered to golfers, fully paid airline round-trip tickets to Asia were available for ticket purchased winners. Similarly with off-island free hotel accommodations to Hyatt Regency affiliates throughout the region were temptingly luring. An abundance of delightful winners were excitedly animated throughout the banquet night. Grace by its culinary talented local chefs the food was just fabulous. No golfers and their guests left the night with half-full

stomachs—all were well fed. We are a group of satisfied golf participants and hoping that other tournament sponsors learn from the Hyatt experience.

To the planners/organizers and the delightfulness of all volunteers/helpers, waiters/waitresses, including the emcees, we extend our sincere appreciation and congratulations to all for a job very well done. The 20th year of tournament sponsorship celebration by Hyatt Regency Saipan was something to truly remember.

Loraine Babauta

Terry Guerrero

Diding Hocog

Dr. Larry Hocog

Joe Torres

John Matsumoto

Fred Salavera

Frank Ermitanio

Jessie Muna

Dan Quitugua

Amigos Golf Club participants

ABSENCE

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never have occurred had there been, from the beginning, a

sound and fair approach taken by DPL in reviewing existing public land leases that are expiring. Only after the parties cannot negotiate a new lease should the CNMI government

then issue a request for proposal inviting interested bidders to lease the property.

Jose S. Dela Cruz

Navy Hill



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BOG donates \$3K to Governor's Tourism Cup



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Joaquin PLG Cook of the Bank of Guam presents a \$3,000 sponsorship check on April 22, 2016, for the Inaugural Governor's Tourism Cup Golf Tournament scheduled for May 14, 2016. Pictured from left are Bank of Guam vice president/CNMI Regional manager Marcie Tomokane, Marianas Visitors Authority Community Projects manager Martin Duenas, Marianas Tourism Education Council chair Vicky Benavente, Cook, and MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion.



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Delta Air Lines officials present a round trip ticket to Japan for one to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres on April 26, 2016, as a prize for the Inaugural Governor's Tourism Cup Golf Tournament on May 14, 2016. Seated left to right, James Nelson (MVA board member/tournament director), Torres, and Vicky Benavente (PIC/Marianas Tourism Education Council chairwoman). Standing left to right, Shirley Camacho-Ogumoro (Office of the Governor), Martin Duenas (Marianas Visitors Authority), Beau Tomokane (Delta Air Lines), Gordon Marciano (PDI/MTEC director), Chris Concepcion (MVA managing director), and Karl Reyes Jr. (Delta Air Lines).

The Bank of Guam has joined the growing list of sponsors for the Inaugural Governor's Tourism Cup Golf Tournament with a \$3,000 donation on April 22, 2016.

Proceeds of the tournament on May 14, 2016, will go to the Marianas Tourism Education Council, which was created by the Marianas Visitors Authority in 2002. The tournament is hosted by the Office of the Governor and the MVA and will be held at the scenic Laolao Bay Golf & Resort east course with a shotgun tee time set at 7:30am.

"The Bank of Guam has always been and continues to be a stalwart corporate citizen, most especially where the development of our children are concerned," said tournament

director James Nelson. "We're extremely delighted and grateful to have the Bank of Guam as major sponsor for this inaugural golf tournament."

The tournament committee has also received several prize commitments from companies such as Pacifica Insurance, donating a \$5,000 hole-in-one prize. Hyatt Regency Saipan, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, and the Kanoa Resort have donated several hotel night stays and meals, and Delta Air Lines has donated a round-trip ticket to Japan, with more prizes expected as the tournament draws near.

Food and beverage sponsors include Pacific Trading Co., Herman's Modern Bakery, and MARPAC. The tournament will feature a morning snack, BBQ

hotdog stands on the course, and free-flowing beverages throughout the tournament.

The tournament entry fee is \$100 and includes cart and green fees, morning snacks, on-course refreshments, and awards banquet.

Entry forms are available un-

der the MVA Events Calendar at www.mymarianas.com at the MVA office on Beach Road in San Jose, where forms may be submitted and payments may be made. Checks should be made payable to "Marianas Tourism Education Councilor MTEC." Credit card payments will not

be accepted. The deadline for entries is 5pm on May 11, 2016.

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Man'amkó 'blazing trail' for Older Americans Month

By FRAULEINE VILLANUEVA-DIZON
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REPORTER

The month of May is also the month to celebrate the elder members of our community.

This year's theme for the Mes Man Amkó or Older Americans Month is "Blaze a Trail."

A proclamation was signed at the Aging Center attended by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog, Cabinet members, and other government officials last Wednesday.

Department of Commu-



May is proclaimed Mes Man Amkó or Older Americans Month by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog at the Office on Aging Wednesday. This year's theme is "Blaze a Trail," highlighting the elders' contribution in paving the way for the community and setting an example for younger generations.

FRAULEINE VILLANUEVA-DIZON

Walter Manglona said they will focus this year on shining a light on the *man'amkó* and learning how to follow their example.

"We will use the Older Americans Month 2016 to focus on how older adults in our community are leading and inspiring others, how we can support and learn from them, and how we might follow their examples to blaze trails of our own," Manglona said.

"Throughout the month, the CNMI Office on Aging will conduct activities and share information designed to highlight local programs, resources and success stories," he added.

Joaquina Taisacan Mendiola, newly elected president for the Saipan Senior Advisory Council, encouraged her fellow *man'amkó* to continue lighting the way and setting an example to younger generations.

"May we continue to believe in ourselves and be grateful for all of what we have," Mendiola said.

"May we blaze a trail our CNMI children is yet to walk upon for they will not walk in our steps in darkness," she added.

nity and Cultural Affairs acting secretary Robert Hunter thanked the *man'amkó* for their contributions as well as future contributions to the community.

"When you think about it, it should be 'Blaze More Trail' as you are the people who have blazed the trail here in the CNMI. We are where we are now? We enjoy the benefits we enjoy now, because of your efforts. But there is still more trail ahead, and you have so much more to contribute," Hunter said.

Hunter said the Mes Man Amkó is an opportunity to celebrate the elders and their accomplishments.

"We take this opportunity every year to celebrate our *man'amkó* who have done so much for us and to urge them to continue their good work. I see so many individuals here who contributed to my development and who I looked up to and learned so much from over the years," Hunter said.

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3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Kristo Rai Church, MERCY Talk to Youth (San Roque/Santa Remedios/San Jose and Kristo Rai Parishes) Families and friends welcome!

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7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Mount Carmel Cathedral (Island wide)

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. San Jose Church, Tinian

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6:00 p.m. San Isidro Church, Rota

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7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Saint Jude Church MERCY Talk to Youth (San Antonio/Mount Carmel/ Saint Jude Parishes) Families and friends welcome!



Five Star Wholesale hosts MMAC Hotdog Fundraiser

In partnership with Five Star Wholesale and Triple J Saipan, a hotdog sale fundraiser for the Marianas March Against Cancer will take place this Saturday, April 30, at the Oleai Sports Complex.

Sales will begin at 10am until 1pm throughout the Saipan Little League games among teams Ol'aces, IT&E Kagman, Twins, Comets, Pirates, and Falcons. For \$4 get a Nathan's Famous foot-long hotdog plus a bottle of water.

"This is a win-win for everyone," Jay Santos, general manager of Five Star Wholesale stated, "Baseball, hot dogs, sunshine, and all proceeds going to an amazing cause, helping the people of the CNMI." Five Star Wholesale, Capricciosa,

Tony Roma's, Truong's, Hertz Rent-a-Car, and Triple J Motors are all participating in pre-event fundraising activities for MMAC. Efforts include donating \$1 for every ice tea sold at Triple J restaurants, collection boxes at all Triple J businesses on Saipan, donations made for every car sold or rented, and the upcoming hotdog fundraiser this Saturday.

Triple J will be a team at this year's MMAC 12-hour overnight marathon celebrating life, May 13 and 14 at Hopwood Junior High School. All funds raised will go toward advocating a cancer-free CNMI through early detection, public education and overall support to cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers. (PR)

Solar energy ‘for whom the bell tolls’

By PHIL YORIO
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

The expression “for whom the bell tolls” was a quote by John Donne who was a writer born in the 15th century. This quote actually means the interconnectedness of humanity or no man is an island. Living on an island this cannot be any truer. We rely on each other, family, friends, business associates, and most importantly our leaders in the Legislature for good sound policy and nothing right now is more important than good sound energy policy.

Living on an island nation where there is only one non-interconnected government utility supplying the power was fine 50, 20, even 10 years ago but these times they are a changing as Bob Dylan used to say. They held the torch of being the only game in town and all in all they did a decent job but now with solar energy reach-

ing economies of scale, major materials coming down in price and battery storage now reaching a decent price point. Solar energy is going from an alternate energy to now where it can become mainstream energy. We have finally reached a point where solar energy can impact every person on this Island, economically, socially, and most importantly environmentally.

The economics make sense, when oil reached the all-time low of \$26 a barrel, the solar energy industry was selling their power lower, now with oil back up to \$45 a barrel and the strain on the utility because of the volatility of this commodity rates again will start to rise this will mean more savings for the home and business owners who have taken advantage of the various finance programs that this industry is offering.



Socially because the industry is creating jobs, business to business commerce, paying payroll and sales tax and on the other spectrum of putting more disposable income back into the pockets of the community who save on power. This allows them that extra cash to purchase that new washer or dryer, car, or going on that family vacation, these are all monies that go back to the community and not overseas for more oil and of course Environmentally where we need to help save this planet from the devastating effects of carbon dioxide that is heating up this planet, destroying it, killing our oceans, destroying the Earth as we know it that we will pay heavy fees for the effects this will cause on our children and future generations for many years to come.

We rely on our leaders and the people who we have placed our trust in to have our best interests at heart, leaders who will write good bills and policies that will be placed into law that will not only save this planet but save our precious Island and wean us off of the dependence of fossil fuel and give us energy security that we can depend on, energy policy that has efficient, sustainable, green renewable energy at the fore front. Pope Francis said it best at the United Nations Climate Summit in Paris, France last November, we must be good Christians and we must be protectors and stewards of this beautiful planet that God gave us.

No man is an island, together we are this island.

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Phil Yorio is the general manager of Micronesia Renewable Energy, Inc.-CNMI.





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JON PEREZ
Northern Marianas Athletics secretary general Robin Sapong asks motorists for donations during the Fiji relief drive.



JON PEREZ
Volunteers prepare relief goods for packing before being shipped to victims of Cyclone Winston in Fiji.



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Relief drive raises \$10K for Fiji recovery efforts

The KKMP Foundation in partnership with the First Lady Diann Torres Foundation, the Department of Fire and Emergency Management Services, MYPros, ACH Chuuk Community, Saipan Mariana's Lion's Club, Pacific Century Fellows closed out their relief drive raising \$10,000 cash and an additional \$40,000 worth of clothing, food items, and relief supplies toward Cyclone Winston recovery efforts in Fiji.

According to the U.S. Joint Typhoon Warning Center, Winston made landfall on Feb. 20 along the north coast of Fiji's largest, most populous island bringing maximum sustained winds of 180 mph.

The Fijian government stated that Cyclone Winston claimed the lives of 46 people, affected 350,000 people or 40 percent of the total population of Fiji and displaced 54,000.

In response to this, the CNMI held a relief drive on April 9 for clothing, food, tools, and other donations.

KKMP's Gary Sword shared that some of those affected by the cyclone are Fijian midwives who have returned to Fiji after serving the CNMI people for many years.

"We understand the hardships associated with a powerful storm as we experienced in Soudelor. Unfortunately, Fiji cannot depend on federal resources as we did and must

depend on the generosity of the world and Pacific communities. My partners and I extend our sincere appreciation to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog for their support to the success of the drive and to all the community members who donated items and money to the cause," he said.

The KKMP Foundation closed out the drive yesterday with a donation from the CNMI Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services cadets class of 2016 in the amount of \$1,600 raised through their boot drives with Governor

With the support and generosity of Kyowa Shipping Lines via Saipan Shipping Company and Saipan Steve-dore, a 40-foot shipping container was also donated with free handling and transportation via ocean freight to Suva, Fiji.

This container has left the CNMI and is headed to the Fijian Government Ministry of Agriculture, Rural and Maritime Development and National Disaster Management.

Expressing his heartfelt gratitude to the community and to the KKMP Foundation for spearheading the relief drive, Torres thanks the community for offering their support to our neighboring Pacific Islands. (PR)

2016 MMAC teams to hold various fundraisers

Participating teams in the 2016 Marianas March Against Cancer will be holding separate activities starting this Friday as fundraising efforts for May 13-14 event nears. The MMAC will again be held at the Hopwood Junior High School grounds in Chalan Piao.

Team Bodig will hold a coin drive for its fundraising event for two consecutive Fridays—the first will be tomorrow, April 29, from 3:30pm to 6pm. The second one will be on May 6 with the same times.

The back-to-back coin drives will take place at Atkins Kroll Toyota Intersection along Beach Road in San Jose. For more information, email Bridgette DLG Camacho at bridgette.camacho@gmail.com.

On Saturday, April 30, Team Triple J will be selling Nathan's Famous Hot Dogs footlong as its fundraiser during the Saipan Little League Baseball games at the Francisco M. Palacios and Miguel Basa Pangelinan fields.

Team Triple J will be selling the hotdogs from 10am to 1pm at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium in Oleai. The hotdogs cost \$4 each and comes with free water courtesy of Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods.

"We invite the whole community to come down to the Ada Gym this Saturday to enjoy Nathan's Famous Hot Dogs for only \$4 each which comes with a free bottled water. We encourage you to come and enjoy the sporting activities taking place that day all while supporting the battle against cancer. We applaud Team Triple J for their fundraising efforts," said 2016 overall MMAC committee chair GERALYN C. Dela Cruz.

Also on Saturday, Team Talaabwogh StaR will have a Happy Hour fundraiser from 6pm to 10pm at the True North Bar and Grill in Beach Road, Garapan. Tickets are \$20 each that comes with two free drinks.

For more information, contact Rep. Vinnie F. Sablan at 285-5194 or email at vin.sablan@gmail.com or rep.vinnie@gmail.com.

Team Lady Diann Torres Foundation-Northern Marianas College will hold their fundraiser—Cinco de Mayo Happy Hour, on May 5 at the Naked Fish Bar & Grill in Beach Road, Susupe.

Tickets for the event, set from 5pm to 9pm, are \$15 each where patrons can enjoy live entertainment and get a chance to win great raffle prizes.

For more information, email Irene T. Torres at irene.torres@irene.torres.com.

tudelatorres@gmail.com or ladydiannntorres@gmail.com or Sujin Jeon at sujin.jeon@my.marianas.edu.

Team BSI-Chacha Lancheros chose to have a Hot Lunch as their fundraising activity on May 6, Friday, from 11am to 1pm at the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion in Beach Road, Susupe.

The menu includes red rice, sukiyaki, bisteak, koko, and water. The hot lunch costs \$5 each and are available for delivery for orders of four or more.

For more information, call Alex. I. Palacios at 2853976 or at email apalacios@bestsunshine.com or Edalyn Benjamin at ebenjamin@bestsunshine.com or Rose T. Jones at rose.taimanao@cnmipss.org.

Team Tan Holdings-Kagman High School's selling of shirts is still ongoing at the second floor of the J.P. Center in Beach Road, Garapan. The design also comes in a polo shirt with the phrase "Just Beat It" posted and their fundraising event ends on May 13.

The shirts cost \$15 each and each purchase entitles you to a raffle ticket for a chance to win one free round trip ticket to Manila via Philippine Airlines Express. The raffle tickets are also being sold separately for \$5 each.

For more information, email Ray Zapanta at raymond_zapanta@tanholdings.com or Leila Staffler at leila.staffler@cnmipss.org. (PR)

DOC pays overtime to officers, staff

The Department of Corrections announced yesterday that it is paying out all past due overtime to DOC officers this week. The department worked with Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog and the fiscal agencies to bring past due overtime current.

"We have been working diligently with the lieutenant governor to identify the funds required to pay the prior year overtime and process overtime within the 2016 appropri-

ated budget. We are grateful that given this delay, our officers and staff remain committed to the mission of DOC and the safety of the community," said director Joe San Agustin.

DOC is currently working on a plan to ensure that future payments of overtime are paid out in a timely manner and overall overtime is reduced without compromising the DOC mission.

"Part of this plan includes

recruiting over 40 new corrections officers, which is currently underway at the Department of Administration," San Agustin said. "Forty additional officers will equate to a 20-percent increase in officers, which will allow the department to reduce overtime significantly."

The Department of Administration just completed the testing of over 90 applicants for the correction officer I po-

sitions, and will be sending a list of viable candidates to DOC for interviews.

"This is a crucial time for the department as we wait to fill these much needed positions, while maintaining the safety and security within the compound," San Agustin said.

"I want to thank our officers for their continued commitment the agency. We appreciate the work they do." (PR)



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Community comes out strong to support Red Cross

»Many Commonwealth businesses donating to 30th Annual Walkathon

Since 1986, the Red Cross Walkathon has been a key fundraising event for the local NMI Chapter. The walk includes a 10K, 5K, and 2K course along with lots of fun and excitement for the whole family. Proceeds from the Walkathon are used to support mission-related humanitarian services in the CNMI.

“Despite all the suffering we lived through during Ty-



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From left, Marcie Tomokane, vice president Bank of Guam; Nola Hix, American Red Cross-NMI Chapter board; John Hirsh, ARC executive director, Paul Camacho, ARC Disaster Preparedness manager, and ARC office manager Mary Ann Taman.



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ARC executive director John Hirsh with staff and management of Moylan's Insurance.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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Minor Child]
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Brian Ayuyu Torres] HEARING
Petitioner]

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on May 9, 2016 at 1:30pm in Courtroom 205A, before the Honorable Judge.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2016

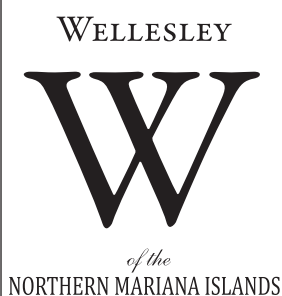
/s/ Patrick V. Diaz,
Deputy Clerk of Court



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From left, John Hirsh, ARC executive director; Bridge Capital's Jody Jordahl, ARC's Larry Lee and Paul Camacho, and Bridge Capital's Joe Guerrero.



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From left, John Hirsh, ARC executive director; Jack McClure, Pacific Subsea general manager; Paul Camacho, ARC Disaster Preparedness manager; and Pacific Subsea's Erick Van Der Maas.



Calling All Alumnae
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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, LILIA P. LIZAMA, would like to notify the general public that I am no longer affiliated with MARY'S SECURITY SERVICES, INC. with mailing Address: P.O. Box 504691 CK, Saipan, MP 96950 as of January 28, 2016.

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Thank you!



From left, ARC's Larry Lee, IP&E's Jack Salas, ARC's Paul Camacho, and IP&E's Ronald Benavente.

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phoon Soudelor, we are humbled by the continued generosity of the community as they support our 30th Annual Walkathon this Saturday,”

said board chair Tayna Belyeu-Camacho. “Hundreds of our volunteers gave back tirelessly to help those in need during Soudelor, and

we thank everyone who is helping us through their participation in this year's 30th anniversary event said Belyeu-Camacho. (PR)



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold a special board meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building. The following agenda will be considered and public attendance is welcome.

AGENDA*

- I. Preliminary Matters
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Reading of Notice Calling Special Meeting
 - D. Adoption of Agenda
- II. Public Comments
- III. Executive Session
 1. Rate Application - Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission
- IV. Adjournment

- * Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Agenda may be modified during the meeting.
 ** Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.
 *** Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board of Directors may vote to meet in executive session at any time.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed Amendment to the Official Saipan Zoning Map (Rezoning) For Joyful Team (CNMI) LLC & Tong Feng Int'l, LLC

The Commonwealth Zoning Board is seeking your comments on the following proposed amendment (rezoning) to the Official Saipan Zoning Map. Joyful Team (CNMI) LLC & Tong Feng Int'l, LLC is requesting to rezone Lots 141 E 02 & 141 E 05 in Tanapag from “Village Residential” to “Tourist Resort” zoning district to construct a hotel & resort facility. These lots are located beachside along Santa Remedios Road, north of former Basula Product, and northwest of the Tanapag cemetery.

A public hearing will be held on:

Date: June 10, 2016
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Multipurpose Center, Beach Road, Susupe

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, June 8, 2016. Please send written comments via e-mail to Therese.Ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013.

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman



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INVITATION TO BID ITB NO.: ITB16-DCCA/AGING-102

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Jacoulet presentation this Friday evening

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council cordially invites the public to a presentation by visiting anthropologist Dr. Don Rubinstein that will be held at the Fiesta Hall of Grandvrio Resort (formerly Hafadai Beach Hotel) on Friday, April 29, beginning at 6pm.

Rubinstein's presentation is titled "The Art and Vision of Paul Jacoulet in Micronesia."

Working in the exacting medium of Japanese woodblock (*ukiyo-e*) printing, Jacoulet produced a stunning collection of portraits based on his visits to the Marianas and Caroline Islands in the late 1920s and early 1930s.

Jacoulet's first published prints, the iconic Rainbow Series (1934), featured seven beautiful Chamorro women in Saipan, each featured in a different color.



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One of Paul Jacoulet's Rainbow Series published prints.

bow women who attend the presentation will be provided with a ribbon whose color corresponds to the rainbow color of their relative's portrait.

Rubinstein has been on the faculty of the University of Guam's Micronesian Area Research Center since 1988. He teaches graduate courses in University's Micronesian Studies Program.

This presentation is sponsored by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council as a part of its ongoing Community Lecture Series. It is open to the public and free of charge.

Please call council staff at 235-4785 for more information about this upcoming event. **(PR)**

These women included Conception Guerrero, Rosalia Calistro, Juanita Untalan, Catharina Tudela, Dolores Amparro, Mariana Diaz, and Carmen Blanco.

Rubinstein will provide an overview of Jacoulet and his work with a particular focus on the Rainbow Series.

Descendants of the Rain-

Team Faiye hot lunch fundraising on April 30

Team Faiye, which will be one of the groups participating in the 2016 Marianas March Against Cancer, will be having a hot lunch fundraising event on April 30, Saturday, at the 13 Fishermen Memorial Pavilion on Beach Road.

The hot lunch is \$5 each and Team Faiye is raising funds that would be donated to the Commonwealth Cancer Association. The MMAC is set on May 13 and 14 at the Hopwood Junior High School field in Chalan Piao.

For more information, email team captain Amanda Somol at amandasomol@gmail.com; for MMAC, email overall committee chair Geri Dela Cruz at geri.delacruz2@gmail.com or call CCA at 682-0050 or visit www.ccamarianas.org. **(PR)**



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PUBLIC HEARING

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Governor in cooperation with the Department of Public Works/Energy Division Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) will be conducting a public hearing to present the proposed WAP State Plan for Program Year 2016 and is inviting the General Public to attend this important Public Hearing.

The public hearing will be held at the Energy Division office located on Capitol Hill, House No. 1337 on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Individuals who are unable to attend the public hearing in person may submit written comments to the Energy Division, Capitol Hill, House No. 1337, Saipan or by e-mail to cnmienergy@gmail.com or by mail to P.O. Box 500340, Saipan, MP 96950 on or before close of business on Tuesday, May 31, 2016.

Copies of the Draft State Plan will be made available at the Energy Division, Capitol Hill, House No. 1337 beginning Monday, May 02, 2016.

For more information, you may contact Thelma B. Inos, Energy Director, at 664-4480/81 or you may visit the Energy Division Office on Capitol Hill, Monday to Friday, except holidays, and from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

HINEKKUNGUK PUPBLIKU

I Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Marianas siha gi Ufisinan Gubietnu yan i ko'operasion i Dipattamentun Che'chu' Pupbluku/Dibision Energy gi Prugraman Asistensian Weatherization (WAP) para u makundudakta hinekkunguk pupbluku ni para u mapresenta i manmaproponi na WAP State Plan para i Prugraman i sakkann 2016 yan ha kumbibida i Pupbluku Henerat para u ma'atendi esti na impottantin Hinekkunguk Henerat.

I hinekkunguk pupbluku para u makundakta gi Dibision Energy, giya Capitol Hill, Numirun Guma' #1337, gi Lunes, Mayu 16, 2016, Metkoles gi oran alas 5:00 gi pupuengi. Todu indibiyuat siha ni ti sumifina umatendi i hinekkunguk henerat siha muna'halum tinigi' upiñon siha guatu gi Dibision Energy, Capitol Hill, Numirun Guma' 1337, Saipan pat i email guatu gi cnmienergy@gmail.com pat na'hãnao i kattãm-mu guatu gi P.O. Box 500340, Saipan, MP 96950 gi pat antis di u mahuchum i ufisina gi , Mattes, Mayu 31, 2016.

Kopia siha gi Draft State Plan para u mana'guaha gi Dibision Energy, Capitol Hill, Numirun Guma' 1337 tinituhun gi Lunes, Mayu 02, 2016.

Para mäs infomtasion, siña un ägang si Thelma B. Inos, Direktot Energy, gi 664-4480/81 pat siña un bisita i Ufisinan Dibision Energy giya Capitol Hill, Lunes asta Betnis, fuera di holidays, yan gi oran alas 11:30 gi egga'an asta alas 12:30 gi dispues di talu'ani.

ARONGORONGOL TOULAP

Bwulasiyol Sów Lemelem lól Commonwealth wól Téél Fáluw kka Faluwash Efäng Marianas fengál me alilisil Bwulasiyool Public Works/Energy Division Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) e bwe ayoora eew arongorong reer toulap bwelle e bwe apasa rel pommol WAP State Plan rel Program Year 2016.

Arongorong yeel e bwe fis me rel Energy Division me Capitol Hill, House #1337, wól Lunnis, Ghuuw 16, 2016, óttol 5:00 p.m.

Schóókka rese tawe re bwe fiti arong yeel, e mmwel schagh u bwe iischilong mááfiyómw rel Energy Division, Capitol Hill, House # 1337, Seipél: ngäre e-mail ngáli: cnmienergy@gmail.com me ngäre afanga ngáli P.O.Box 500340, Seipél, MP 96950 wól me ngäre mmwal igha ebwe titiló ótool angaang wól Mwwatis, Ghuuw 31, 2016.

Kkopiya Draft Plan yeel nge emmwal rebwe bweibwogh me Energy Division, Capitol Hill, House #1337, wól Lunnis, Ghuuw 02, 2016.

Rel kkapasal, e mmwel ów bwe fatingi ló llemwáár ye Thelma B. Inos, Energy Director, rel 664-4480/81 me ngäre igha u bwe mwette ló rel Bwulasiyol Energy Division ye e llo Capitol hill, Lunnis mwette ngáli Bennis, sarabw holidays, me ótool 11:30 a.m. ngáli 12:30 p.m.

/s/ James A. Ada
Secretary of Public Works



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ANNOUNCEMENT

The CNMI WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program is now accepting Vendor Application for the Capitol Hill geographical areas on Saipan.

Interested vendors may pick up an application at the main office located on Upper Navy Hill Building #N-25, starting April 20, 2016 through April 29, 2016 (Monday to Friday) or request for an application via email at fabianu@cnmiwic.org.

Applications must be submitted to the CNMI WIC Program Office no later than 4:00 p.m., April 29, 2016.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to carefully read through the information provided to ensure minimum qualifications are met.

Inquiries and technical questions may be directed to the Vendor Management Coordinator, Fabian M. Ulloa at (670) 664-4066, by email at fabianu@cnmiwic.org or facsimile at (670) 664-4069.

USDA is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

/s/ Esther L. Muna
Chief Executive Officer
Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

/s/ Erin Angela Camacho
WIC Program Administrator
CNMI WIC Program



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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The CNMI WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program would like to inform WIC participants of Capitol Hill, Talafofo, I'denne, and As Teo that Sara Market II is no longer an authorized WIC vendor.

Participants living in these area are encouraged to shop at either Joeten Kagman Market in Kagman or I-Mart in Tanapag for the closest access to your WIC food benefits.

The CNMI WIC Program is working on authorizing a vendor on Capitol Hill so that they can continue to provide participants living in these areas easier access to your WIC food benefits.

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/s/ Esther L. Muna
Chief Executive Officer
Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

/s/ Erin Angela Camacho
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Tourism industry cleans up Garapan

The Japan Saipan Travel Association conducted its semi-annual cleanup of Garapan on April 23, 2016, drawing 68 participants and collecting over 100 lbs of trash.

JSTA was again joined by the Marianas Visitors Authority, a number of tourism industry companies, and community members in their efforts to pick up trash from American Memorial Park to the Carolinian Affairs Office along roadways and the beach.

“JSTA has been a valuable partner through the years in leading this semi-annual cleanup of Garapan before our busiest tourism periods in the summer and during the holidays, and the MVA is pleased to again join them,” said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion.

“We thank all the companies and community members who support this clean-up year after year, and we look forward to more participation at the next cleanup.”

Other participating companies were: Northern Marianas Dive Operators Association, Japan Society of the Northern Mariana Islands, Himawari Kenbukan,



Sixty-eight tourism industry representatives, students, and community members joined the cleanup organized by the Japan Saipan Travel Association in Garapan on April 23, 2016.

Pau Pau Tours, Aqua Connections, Saipan World Resort, Marianas Sports Club, Tour, S2 Club, H.I.S., PDI, CMLC, Pacific Micronesia K.C.A,MakeSure Diving,



Students and parents of kendo school Himawari Kenbukan joined the island cleanup organized by the Japan Saipan Travel Association in Garapan on April 23, 2016.

Big Eye Diving, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, R&C Tours, and Tasi Tours & Transportation. **(PR)**

Military training at FDM, Agat Bay

The CNMI Emergency Operations Center in conjunction with U.S. Naval Forces Marianas (N3) Guam would like to inform the general public that the U.S. military unit will be conducting military exercises at Farallon De Mendinilla and Agat Bay. The schedule dates and time are as followed:

Date	Time	Location	Units & Training
May 2	110am-4pm	FDM	69 EBS, military training
May 3	10am-7pm		69 EBS, military training
May 4	10am-2pm		69 EBS, military training
May 5-6	11am-9pm		69 EBS, military training
May 6	11am -1pm	Agat Bay	DZ military training

The general location of this activity will be at Farallon De Mendinilla on a 12-nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

Agat Bay DZ on a six-nautical mile radius to 10,000 feet on all quadrants.

Due to the danger imposed by these activities, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is strongly advising the general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators, to stay away from this area during the time and dates indicated.

The cooperation and understanding of the general public is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the CNMI Emergency Operations Center- Dispatch Center at telephone number (670) 237-8000, VHF MARINE CHNL 16, and HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0 or dial CNMI 211 for this advisory. **(PR)**

MCS 3Q president’s list and honor roll

Mount Carmel School congratulates these students for making it to the 3rd Quarter President's List & Honor Roll.

PRESIDENT’S LIST

Students must have a GPA of 4.00 or above and must attain character marks of VG or above.

1st Grade

Camacho, Kesil
Castro, Christine Rosanne
Concepcion, Jeffrey Paul
Esguerra, Maria Loreen
Lansangan, Leah
Matsumoto, Akoni Jesus
Matsumoto, Naomi Skye
Melchor, Sarah Angela
Pangelinan, Nicole Angela
Propst, Kaden Christian
Reyes, Frank Anthony
Sasamoto, Enzo Umeki
Sasamoto, Hiromi Rosa
Sasamoto, Yukiko Kiyomi
Sulyman, Shaminur
Tenorio, Jose Clarence
Tomokane, Pedro Jose
Tudela, Elle Brie

2nd Grade

Atalig, Danika
Backe, Asa Vanessa
Battalones, Maria Corazon
Buenafior, Oscar Bien
Camacho, Meagan Brylee
Dela Santa, Heleyna Frielle
DeleonGuerrero, Nyla
Estella, Valerie Anne
Ignacio, Lance Peter
Javier, Lance Jericho
Lansangan, Lexi Marie
Maratita, Elise Divine
Matsumoto, Ayanna Faith
Mendoza, Mikaela Paige
Ogo, Therese Joy
Pangelinan, Camron
Pangelinan, Joseph Brandon

Pontiveros, Emmanuel
Santiago, Gavril Myles
Tenorio, Jessiana B.
Tizon, Quince Emanuele
Tomokane, Peige Morgan
Travilla, Riana Joy

3rd Grade

Cabrera, Margaret
Castro, Kenneth
Castro, Elialyn Maria
Chang, Jada
Kautz, Claire Regina
Lobo, Angelo
Palacios, Tricia A.
Reyes, Chelsy Anne
Santos, Dylan
Sasamoto, Hitomi Rosa
Steele, Lyssa Rae
Taimanao, Aryana A.
Taitano, Taylor
Tenorio, Malina Rose

4th Grade

Ano, Natalie Gabrielle
Dayrit, Jenarisa Mae
Gamab, Gwen Tiffany
Guerrero, Ruben Antonio
Lee, Ru Da
Pangelinan, Destiny Jade
Propst, Devin Jordan
Sablan, Andrew
San Nicolas, Earle Gabriel
Tasi, Siana
Tolentino, Leyonne Alfred

5th Grade

Cabrera, Kyla Monique
DelaCruz, Kina
Galang, Raphael Christian
Green, Lynzey Valencia
Ortiz, Brent Matthew
Sasamoto, Yurihana Rosa

6th Grade

Diaz, Jeremiah Jerome
Propst, Kiana Lei

7th Grade

Avendano-Woodruff, Katherine

Bachani, Tanisha
Hunter, Brandee
Mendoza, Mikee
Quiiao, Xinyu
Sablan, Penelope
Salvador, Vince P.
Sato, Maaya

8th Grade

Borja, Kalea Lou
Ham, Jim Michael
Paul, Monita
Yamagata-Santos,Danielle Jaden

9th Grade

Batusin, Aldwin Ray
Bobadilla, Jan Emmanuel
Castro, Rosa
Chinen, Quincy L.
Cho, Hyo Lim
Cunanan, Erika Gabrielle
Han, Louisa Sa
Leong, Giselle Ivy
Moran, Matt Jason
Ocampo, Justin G.
Pangelinan, Rosalia Francine
Ramirez, Reica J.
Sato, Karen
Sizemore, Langting
Terlaje, Maria G.

10th Grade

Kim, Min Jung
Kim, Taeyeon
Lim, Nathanael
Melchor, Jeff Matthew
Mizuno, Asami
Palacios, Michelle
Torres, Cassidy Victoria
Toskas, Jonelle Gwyneth
Usi, Monica Aira
Villacrusis, Geuel Christian
Zheng, Theresa

11th Grade

Camacho, Eligiah Marie
Chao, Shirley Minyi
Cushing, Arron Christopher
Deleon Guerrero Jr., Zeno
Doctor, Jaqueline

Han, Ya
Higuchi, Kai
Hunter, Brianna C.
Jun, You Jin
Lee, Eric
Ortiz, Michael Roy
Santos, Joshua
Xu, Xianodie (Rachel)

12th Grade

DeleonGuerrero, Lance
Diaz, Angelica Carla
Evangelista, Amalina
Iwai, Emiri Angela
Javier, Cathryn Jane
Jo, Hyun Woo
Kim, Min Gyu
Manglona, Thomas Lee II
Pak, Han Byeol
Pangelinan, Jonathan R.
Ryu, Sung Hun
Taimanao, Janika Therese T.

HONOR ROLL

Students must have a GPA of 3.66 or above and must not have any behavior grade of U or NI.

1st Grade

Cabrera, Risha
Calvo, Michael
Catacutan, Cedric Earl
Gragasin, Justin A.
Guerrero, Patrick
Jung, Maya Jae
Lobo, Mikaela Jane
Silva, Keanu
Torres, Jupri
Villagomez, Sage R.

2nd Grade

Aldan II, Jesse John B.
Bahillo, Ida-Candida
Cabrera, Zion Jude
Cruzana, Joaquin
Deleon Jr., Israel
Hayes, Alana
Kapileo, Vivica Jewels
Palacios, Leighton
Pangelinan, Mya
Quitugua, Damian
Rabauliman, Sophia

3rd Grade

Camachi, Irie Kane
Clark, Nathaniel
Duenas, Quimari
Gozon, Rafael Mykel
Lee, Hanseo
Lee, Jamie
Lee, Ru Ma
Mallari, Audrein
Mallari, Laizza
Mariano, Nicole Erin
Nicolas, Jalen
Pamintuan, Manauel
Patawaran, Breana
Reyes, Vicente
Sablan, Aaliyah
Sablan, Kiana
Silva, Maui
Taisacan, Nevaeh Sky
Toskas, Ari
Travilla, Arturo
Villegas, Kimberly

4th Grade

Bang, Leo
Blanco, Elisa Ellen E.
Bocago, Ranasia
Buensalido, Angel Lou
Chen, Jeery
Dela Cruz, L'wina Lynn
Deleon Guerrero, Ierlyma Nicole
Deleon Guerrero, Leland Isaiah
Doronila, Kyle Jay
Jung, Min Ki
Lacap, Elisha Joy
Mafnas, Breanna Sue
Manglona, Aiyana Jade
Ogo, Christian Jay
Reyes, Vicente Jose
Sulyman, Shamira
Takayama, Lezandra M.
Terlaje, Jared G.
Torres, Maria
Torres, Tiana
Valiente, Jhazmyn N.
Villegas, Miguel

5th Grade

Apilado, Aira
Avendano-Woodruff, Uriel
Baldazo, Keehara

Borja, O'Hane
Diaz, Carlo Crisdeo
Hunter, Brissa C.
Muna, Breanna
Omar, Salina
Pangelinan, Manuel
Sablan, Matthew Adrian
Sasamoto, Derek

6th Grade

Aldave, Lynette Anne
Alvarez, Robin Kyle
Ano, William Nathaniel
Bucalig, Fiona Marielle
Chong, Kevin Daisuke
Combinido, Jewel Monique
Duenas, Monique Laura
Guerrero, Christian
Lacap, Hannah
Mafnas, Christopher A.
Mallari, Vaughn Andrei
Muna, Devon Tyler
Schweiger, Theresa Rose
Steele, Richard Ramon
Tenorio, Mariana B.
Tenorio, Joshua Donovan
Travilla, Kaia
Villar, Jedric Nathaniel

7th Grade

Ayuyu, Maria Pilar
Colombo, Daniele
Galang, Aldraine Angelo
Gatmaitan, Xavier
Guanlao, Raymalyn
Hemley, Gia G.
Kang, Kevin
Kapileo, Mark Christopher
Kim, Daehun
Marcelo, Bernard
Minami, William
Perez, Carmille Jade
Reyes, Kyana
San Nicolas, James
Se Woon Kim
Tomboc, Reuben Christian
Torres, Dominic
Tyquingco, Auriana K.

8th Grade

Bucalig, Francesca Marie
Buenaventura, Riley Anne

Chua, Jeffrey
Evangelista, Aven Manny
Kim, Yu Dam
Lu, Yi
Palacios, Alvin
Rabang, Katelyn
Reyes, Vincent John

9th Grade

Irang, Maverick Deniel
Lee, Seo Yeon
Manese, Angelo Gabriel
Pangelinan, Joanna Marie
Attao, Alyssa Marie
Macaranas, Dayna Lou
Acosta, Ydylle Faye
Paraiso, Joanie
Camacho, Gary D.
Jun, Angela
Tabora, Earl D.

10th Grade


Cabanting, Amy Rose
Evangelista, Ace Carlos
Flores, Quina
Kim, Cosmos
Kim, Judy
Mafnas, Shana Marie
Salas, Darian Jacob
Sriprasert, Phatthanhan
Yun, Seok Jun

11th Grade

Camacho, Keona
Castro, Jose
Han, Da Young
Lee, Ho Bin
Masga, John Diego
Reyes, Karleen Rita
Santos, Myles
Song,Eun Yong
Travilla, Jan-Nasia Jean
Xu, Wanzhen (Angel)

12th Grade

Amog, Quinn Ely
Hofschneider, Stephen Anton
Kim, Kiyoun
Kim, Seohyeon
Lu, Wanying (Iris)
Toves, Markel **(PR)**



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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS
FOR
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES**
**BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
ARFF BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
AIP No. 3-69-0003-23/XX**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms to perform construction management (CM) services for various improvements to the ARFF Station at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, AIP No. 3-69-0003-23/XX, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project is being funded by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Scope of Work (SOW) includes overall construction management services for the duration of the project. Details are available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package.

Questions regarding this request for qualification (RFQ) statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, Executive Assistant, in writing via hand delivery to the CPA Administration Office, via fax to (670) 664-3533 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp or cpa.engr@pticom.com by no later than Friday, April 22, 2016, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Overall CM experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands – 30 points;
- CM experience related to airport fire stations funded in whole or in part by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); – 30 points;
- Level of proficiency in performing CM services promptly; and level of experience with the FAA regulations and requirements and AIP grants – 15 points;
- The general reputation of the firm in terms of quality of CM work experience, firm's ability to perform the services and the firm's professional integrity and competence – 15 points; and
- Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable – 10 points.

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2016**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified construction management firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.


Send information to:

Ms. MaryAnn Q. Lizama
Executive Director
Commonwealth Ports Authority
P.O. Box 501055
Saipan, MP 96950-1055

For the Commonwealth Ports Authority

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: April 7, 2016



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FIRST AMENDED NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS for reconditioning of the perimeter fence and widening of Charlie Dock service gate at the Port of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Project No. CPA-SS-002-15 will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP, 96950.

All Bids shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: Port of Saipan Reconditioning of the Perimeter Fence/Widening of Charlie Service Gate, Project No. CPA-SS-002-15 and must be submitted no later than **2:00 p.m. on FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2016** to the Office of the Executive Director at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read. Bidders are requested to submit one original and two copies of its bid proposal.

The Project, in general, consists of, but is not limited to Construction of the **PERIMETER FENCE RECONDITIONING/WIDENING OF CHARLIE SERVICE GATE PROJECT, Project No. CPA-SS-002-15**. The Work involves removing the entire existing chain-link fabric and all accessories and replacing them with new chain-link fabric and accessories. It also includes the removal of the existing Charlie gate and replacing it with a new wider sliding gate all in accordance with the plans and specifications, rules and regulations of all governing agencies. The project is located at the Saipan Seaport, Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands.

A CD-Rom containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents, including Drawings and Specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, upon payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each set of documents in electronic form, including the Bid Schedule. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. Postal money order made payable to the "Commonwealth Ports Authority".

The Project is being financed by funds from Port Security Grants from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The Contract award, if it is made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days of the receipt of Bid Proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold such Bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of Bid opening.

The Contract period for construction of the Project in its entirety shall be **one hundred fifty (150) calendar days**. Liquidated damages in the amount of **three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00)** shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day completion of the Project is delayed beyond the Contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Seaport Conference Room, George A. Fleming Office Building, Port of Saipan, at **10:00 a.m., Monday, MARCH 28, 2016**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the bid opening.

An intent to bid form and prequalification statements are required fourteen (14) days prior to bid opening date. Details are provided in the legal provisions section of the specifications.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-25 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Government-wide Debarment and Suspension and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Chairman of the Board/Contracting Officer

Date: April 14, 2016



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director



**INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-16-012**
SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF POWER DISTRIBUTION ANNUAL MATERIALS

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified vendors for the Supply and Delivery of Power Distribution Annual Materials for Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of **\$80.00** for one IFB package set.

CUC may award a contract to more than one firm for the materials, based on bids for "Commodity Groups".

One (1) Original Hard Copy must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-16-012, Supply & Delivery of Power Distribution Annual Materials, Saipan, CNMI" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on May 19, 2016**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. *A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to CUC Procurement & Supply Division via email address cucprocurement@cucgov.org or alternately include a CD with the copy of the submission.*

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. All responses to this Invitation for Bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the bidder, awarded a contract.


This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of a contract(s) is contingent upon the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission and the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Board of Director's approval. The contract(s) will not be executed by CUC until such approval is provided.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 2, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Joseph Crisostimo, CUC Power Division, Purchasing Technician via email joseph.crisostimo@cucgov.org


CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director



**INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-ITB-16-013**
SALE AND REMOVAL OF SCRAP MATERIALS FROM THE WAREHOUSE

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is inviting interested individuals and firms to bid on CUC Scrap materials located in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Bid Package may be obtained at no charge upon registration at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and One (1) copy must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-ITB-16-013, CUC Sale & Removal of Scrap Materials from the Warehouse**" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on May 26, 2016, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

Bidders must sign a Waiver of Liability, removing CUC's liability from claims resulting from violations relating to the removal and disposal of the scrap materials. CUC shall transfer and assign the scrap materials to the prospective bidder in an "**As is, Where is**" condition. By accepting the transfer and assignment, the bidder acknowledges that CUC has made no representation or warranties of the merchantability, quality, fitness, and condition of the scrap materials.

The scrap materials may be inspected by appointment only, between the hours of 9:00 AM thru 3:00 PM Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, by contacting CUC Warehouse Division at telephone no. 322-6585.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects in the said bids, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the best interest of the CUC.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on May 13, 2016, to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Administrative Technician for Procurement via email marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

/s/ GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

Bordallo pushes Guam positions during NDAA markup

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo worked to protect and include items important to Guam during a full committee hearing of the House Armed Services Committee to mark-up H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017.

Bordallo led an effort to oppose an amendment offered by Rep. Mike Coffman (R-CO) that provides the DoD with broad authority to prevent the designation of federal properties as National Historic Landmarks, World Heritage Sites, or as listing on the National Register of Historic Places, without input from local communities. Congresswoman Bordallo expressed her oppo-

sition to this amendment and argued that community input is critical to the designation process and should be considered by the DoD and other federal agencies. She argued that the DoD already has authority to stop the process after a comment period if designation would impact national security; however the amendment allows DoD to bypass the comment period. She also noted that the process works as intended and said that in Guam, community input was critical during consideration of a site for a firing range for the Marine realignment. Specifically, she cited concerns raised by our local community to prevent the development of Pagat for the live-fire train-

ing range for the U.S. Marine Corps, which lead to further investigation and ultimate decision to use DoD land on Andersen Air Force Base. She believes that local communities should have a voice in the designation of historic areas and DoD should not have a veto over the entire process.

Bordallo also worked with Republican leadership on HASC to include report language to address the high rates of denial of H-2B visa renewal applications. The committee agreed with Bordallo's language that expresses the committee's concerns that these denials could impact ongoing and future projects on Guam and encourages the DoD to work with federal agencies

to ensure that H-2B visa applications are appropriately processed and that there is sufficient workforce to meet construction demands.

"I believe that DoD should work with local communities, stakeholders, and federal agencies when there are proposals to designate federal property as national landmarks or place them on the National Register of Historic Places. DoD should not have unilateral authority to stop this process without input from or collaboration with local communities. Many of these areas have cultural significance to the native populations, and I believe the process that is currently in place works as it is intended. Our

people provided important and necessary feedback to the DoD during discussions of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Marine realignment, and it allowed DoD to take local concerns into consideration when re-addressing the location of a firing range from Pagat to Andersen Air Force Base. While there are still concerns that we work to resolve, it allowed our people to have a say in the process, which I believe is critical to relationships between local and military partners.

"I am pleased that the committee has adopted report language to address key concerns on the high rates of denial for H-2B visa renewal

applications. These denials could impact critical labor needs in Guam, especially in the construction trades industry. While I strongly support efforts to build our workforce locally, the demand for specialization and expertise of these positions cannot be met by what is currently available on island. In the meantime, the committee has directed DoD to work with USCIS and other federal agencies to address these concerns and ensure that H-2B are appropriately processed so that there is a sufficient workforce to meet labor demands. And I will continue to support programs that promote workforce development and training for our local population." (PR)

Civilian infrastructure restrictions lifted in House Readiness mark

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo, ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee's Readiness Subcommittee, recently secured language in the Readiness mark of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 to further lift restrictions on the development of civilian infrastructure related to the realignment of Marines from Okinawa to Guam.

Bordallo's provision authorizes the use of funds for in-

frastructure projects that were identified in the Economic Adjustment Committee report issued in October 2015. Projects include the construction of a cultural repository, public health lab, and further upgrades to Guam's water and wastewater system.

The provision builds on progress made last year when Bordallo secured a provision in the FY16 NDAA that lifted the restrictions on funding for civilian water and wastewater proj-

ects on Guam. Funding for the cultural repository and public health lab was already secured by Congresswoman Bordallo in previous years' appropriations bills. The NDAA will be considered by the full House Armed Services Committee on Wednesday, April 27, 2016.

"This year's NDAA includes a provision I introduced to further lift restrictions on funding for civilian infrastructure projects on Guam. These projects are critical to support-

ing the realignment of Marines to Guam and mitigate impacts to our local community noted in the supplemental environmental impact statement. Last October, the Economic Adjustment Committee released a report on what projects should move forward, and this year's defense bill would allow us to move forward with these projects, including the construction of a cultural repository for artifacts re- covered during military construction and improvements

to our public health lab. This provision builds on the progress I made last year in lifting restrictions on the obligation and expenditure of funding to improve our water and wastewater system. I will work with my colleagues to ensure that this provision is adopted by the full House Armed Services Committee during next week's full committee markup as well as on the floor when the NDAA is considered by the full House of Representatives." (PR)

Hillary for America announces key Guam endorsements

Hillary for America announced yesterday the endorsement of three key Democratic leaders in Guam, ahead of the territory's caucus on May 7. Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo, Democratic National Committeewoman Taling Taitano, and Democratic National Committeeman Sen. Rory Respicio all backed Clinton yesterday, citing her depth of experience and knowledge of the issues facing Guam.

"I strongly endorse Hillary Clinton for President," said Bordallo. "There is no one more prepared to tackle the challenges that face our next President more than Hillary. She is good for Guam, having visited here several times, and is a champion of the Asia-Pacific rebalance strategy. She understands the issues important to the people of Guam, and I know that with her in the White House we will have a friend who works to address federal issues that impact the lives of our people."

"It is an honor and a privilege to endorse Secretary Hillary Clinton," said Taitano. "Having visited Guam twice, she knows our critical issues such as Compact Impact, Self Determination and the strategic role Guam plays in national security."

"Hillary Clinton has the strength, compassion and principled leadership that we need in a President," said Respicio. "She is knowledgeable about the issues important to the people of Guam, and she will be a great leader for the nation." (PR)



Triple J Saipan sponsors FestPac golf tourney

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Front row from left, Feofaaki McMahon, FESTPAC Program Committee member; Gloria Tebuteb, FESTPAC delegate; Margaret Muna, FESTPAC treasurer; Kimiko Itimar, FESTPAC delegate; John Gonzales, FESTPAC chair; and Angel Hocog, FESTPAC advisor. Back row from left, Randy Steele, Triple J Motors Saipan general manager; Perry Inos, Triple J Special Projects analyst Peter Tenorio, Marianas Golf Association president; and Shelwyn Taisacan, Commonwealth Cancer Association board member.

Triple J Saipan was a proud sponsor of the FestPac Golf Tournament on April 16, 2016. Triple J Motors' Mazda 3i Sport Plus Sedan was presented as the hole-in-one prize.

Supporting the arts has always been important for Triple J, which also donated toward the transportation needs of local artists traveling to Guam for FestPac.

Held every four years, FestPac is the largest celebration of art in the Pacific region. FestPac is a two-week festival (May 22-June 4, 2016) in which artists and cultural

practitioners come together to showcase and celebrate the arts.

This year, the CNMI is sending over 250 artists to participate. Triple J Saipan is

happy to support the sharing of the arts by providing CNMI artists the chance to share our unique culture and artistic heritage at this incredible event. (PR)

DECOLONIZATION DEBATE REVEALS:

When informed, Guam residents choose independence

MANGILAO, Guam—At a decolonization debate held at Tiyan High School Friday, April 22 before an audience of 800, a team of high school students arguing in favor of independence successfully changed the most minds according to polls held before and after the debate.

The debate, organized by the Guam Department of Education and the Commission on Decolonization, featured student representatives from four high schools (Tiyan High School, George Washington High School, Southern High School and Southern Christian Academy). One student from each school was assigned as a representative on each political status option's team. The teams were assisted by coaches from each of the official political status task forces, who pre-

pared them to make informed arguments. The overall winning team of the debate was determined by two audience polls—one taken prior to the debate and the second taken after all the arguments had been presented. The team that had the largest positive increase in audience support between the two polls was declared the victor, as they had swayed the most minds.

The pre-debate polls revealed that prior to any education or discussion on the status options, 51 percent of the audience chose statehood, 30 percent chose free association, and 19 percent chose independence. After more than an hour of discussion, the post-debate poll showed the following changes: Statehood dipped 3 points to 48 percent, free association fell 12 points to 18

percent, and independence jumped 15 points to 34 percent, winning the debate.

Tiyan High School senior, Peter John Cruz, made the opening statement for the independence team and encouraged people not to be afraid of independence by stating: "The fear of independence is like fearing the monster under your bed. All the things like starvation, fall of infrastructure and disorder are figments of your imagination. Instead of using your imagination to think of mon-

sters, use it to think of all the possibilities on the horizon of independence."

Tadashi Hiura (GW) and Ai'sha De Leon Guerrero (Southern Christian) both outlined the possibilities for Guam as an independent country, and noted that rather than life in Guam falling into disarray, things could actually improve, as our government, economy, defense and educational systems would become more locally focused and would be designed to serve the island's needs,

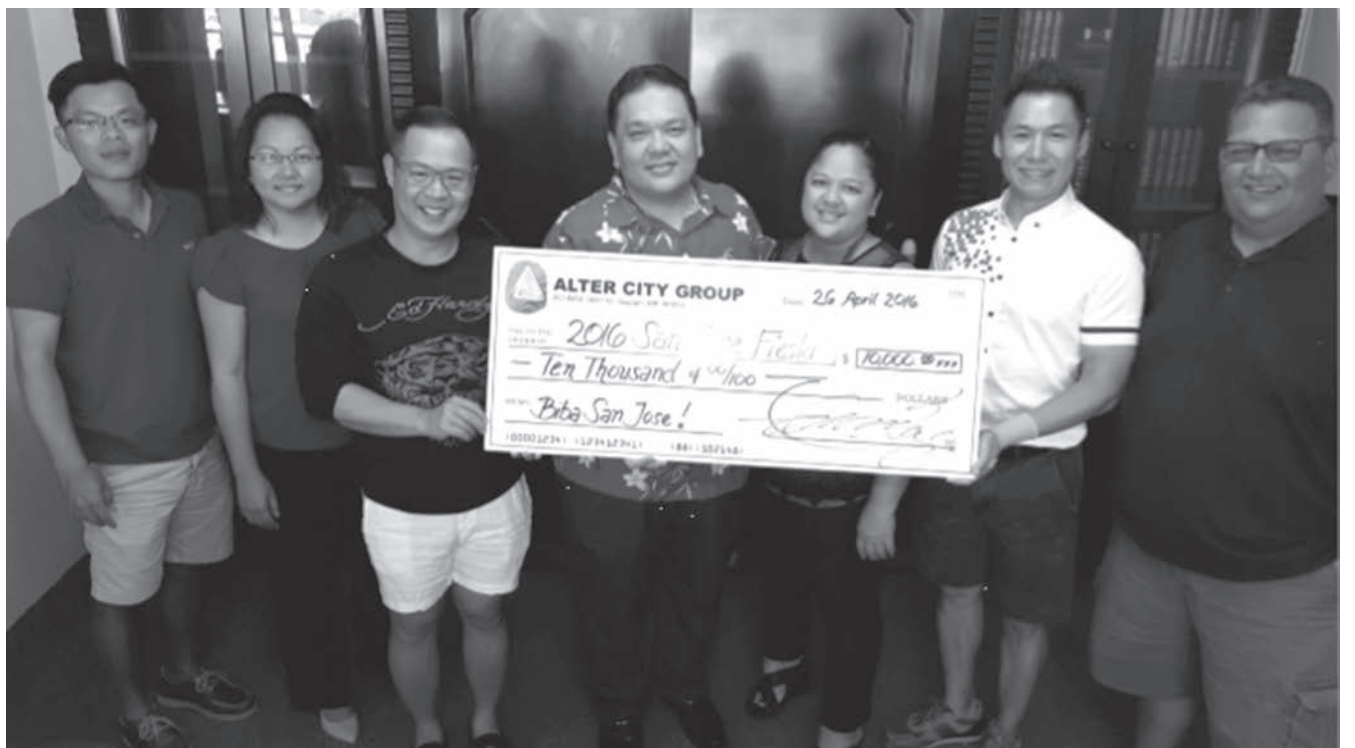
rather than the needs of the United States.

In her passionate closing, Brey Rosario, a senior from Southern High School, argued that independence does not mean isolation or being cut-off: "Just because we obtain self-governance, it does not mean that we must completely sever ties with the United States. It just gives us the freedom to negotiate with other nations, to work with those around us and utilize for our own interests and for our people, our resources and

our geographic location."

Decolonization is an idea that is often difficult to discuss or imagine, as Guam has been a colony for several centuries. But in terms of moving ahead on political status, education equals empowerment. As the results of the debate show, when people are educated about the possibilities for our future, they are able to see past many of the misunderstandings about independence and are more inclined to choose self-governance. (PR)

ACG donates \$10,000 for San Jose Fiesta



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From left: Alter City Group Client Relationship manager Joe Chen, ACG HR manager Redie Dela Cruz, ACG managing director Ken Lin, Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas, Connie Villagomez, ACG CEO Edvon Sze, and ACG Gaming Casino consultant Albert Davia.

Alter City Group donates \$10,000 for the 2016 Tinian San Jose Fiesta. This marks the second year in a row that Alter City Group has donated \$10,000 for the annual fiesta.

Similar to the 2015 San Jose Fiesta, Alter City Group's donation for this year provides for a

successful community event.

"As we move forward in improving Tinian's economy, we would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to Alter City Group for their donation this year," said Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas. This donation makes them a Matua

Sponsor for this year's fiesta.

Alter City Group was also a Matua Sponsor, which is the sponsorship level for those donating \$7,000 and above for the event, during last year's event.

With this partnership and continued support from other

businesses and organizations, the 2016 Tinian San Jose Fiesta will be another successful annual event.

The 2016 San Jose Fiesta has a scheduled soft opening on Thursday, April 28, and will go from Friday, April 29, to Sunday May 1, 2016. (PR)

INCREASING ENGAGEMENT WITH MEMBERS

Pacific Community director-general visits Cook Islands

RAROTONGA, Cook Islands—The Pacific Community director-general Dr. Colin Tukuitonga was in Cook Islands recently to meet with Prime Minister Henry Puna and other officials to discuss development progress and key challenges in the Pacific Island nation.

During his two-day official visit, Tukuitonga will brief the Prime Minister and his cabinet on the upcoming Pacific Community governing body meeting: the 46th annual meeting of the Committee of Representatives of Governments and Administrations (CRGA), which will be held in Noumea, New

Caledonia, from June 28 to 30.

Also high on the agenda are discussions with Cook Islands Minister for Health Nandi Glassie in regards to the 2017 SPC and WHO organized Ministers of Health meeting as well as Cook Islands' participation in a Pacific Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) Summit SPC and the Kingdom of Tonga are planning to hold in Tonga in June.

"Cook Islands is a valued member of the Pacific Community family and this visit is an opportunity to strengthen our relationship and see how SPC can best support Cook Islands in achieving the Sustain-

able Development Goals set out in the 2030 development agenda," Tukuitonga said.

"It's equally important for us to hear how SPC, as the principal scientific and technical organization for the region, can best deliver services that are of critical importance and relevance to Cook Islands, as one of the small island developing states."

Agriculture is another key area for discussion during the visit, with Tukuitonga scheduled to meet with Cook Island's Head of Agriculture Dr. Matairangi Purea.

Among recent SPC-supported initiatives in Cook Is-

lands is the establishment of an agriculture Market Information System (AgIntel), the first of its kind in the region. AgIntel is designed to capture vital information for effective agricultural policy development and make them readily available to planners and project developers across government agencies and the private sector.

Cook Islands is also collaborating with SPC in trials of Electronic Reporting (ER) for tuna fishing vessels. eTUNALOG (vessel logbook ER software) is used by two domestic longline fishing vessels and by three Cook Island flagged vessels based in Pago Pago. (PR)

Marshall Islands declares maritime boundaries to UN

NEW YORK CITY, USA—The Republic of the Marshall Islands has reached a major milestone in ocean resource management and international relations following the submission of their completed maritime boundary legislation to the United Nations on April 22, 2016.

This legislation includes more than 450 pages of geographical coordinates, treaty agreements, and a total of 25 charts, which will officially declare the baselines and the outer limits of all of its maritime zones under the national jurisdiction of the Marshall Islands.

"This is a real achievement for the Government of the Marshall Islands and for the Pacific Community," said Geoscience Division Director at the Pacific Community professor Michael Petterson. "It represents the successful conclusion of three years of sustained effort from the Marshallese technical and legal teams, in close collaboration with the SPC Regional Maritime Boundaries Unit and the Government of Australia."

The new legislation will officially declare the archipelagic baselines around the "Ralik" and "Ratak" island chains and removes the uncertainty regarding the area of ocean space under the jurisdiction of the Marshall Islands. Formalizing these boundaries is a critical step toward improved governance, conservation and management of ocean re-

sources, including fisheries.

Much of the necessary groundwork for this achievement was laid last year, when SPC and the Australian Government coordinated a North Pacific workshop focused on building the capacity of geospatial experts and legal officers from Palau, the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

During this workshop, the team from Marshall Islands drew the baselines and drafted the new maritime zones legislation, which was passed by the Marshall Islands Parliament (the Nitijela) in March this year.

Benedict Yamamura of the Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority was part of the team that developed and recently submitted this legislation at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Acknowledging the support and assistance provided by SPC and the Australian Government, Yamamura also said, "this is truly a work we can call our own."

SPC's Regional Maritime Boundaries Unit provides assistance to the Government of Marshall Islands in partnership with the Australian Government, the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency, GRID-Arendal, the University of Sydney, the Commonwealth Secretariat and a non-profit organization, called the Independent Diplomat, which is based in New York, USA. (PR)



APTC trainer is Samoa's new Worldchefs ambassador

Australia-Pacific Technical College's Samoa campus cookery trainer, Daniella Ah Leong-Leota, has been appointed as Samoa's new female ambassador to the World Association of Chefs' Societies.

Worldchefs is a global network of chef associations representing over 10 million professional chefs, dedicated to maintaining and improving the culinary standards of global cuisines.

Leong-Leota completed a Diploma in Food Technology from William Angliss TAFE before commencing stud-

ies at APTC in 2011. She has Certificate III in Commercial Cookery and Certificate IV in Training and Assessment qualifications from APTC.

In 2012, Leong-Leota took up a role as a tutor at APTC Samoa, and was mentored by APTC trainer and chef, Steven Johnston. Two years later, she was appointed as the first APTC Samoan female national trainer in commercial cookery.

APTC is an innovative development project funded by the Australian government, delivering Australian-standard skills and qualifications for a wide range of vocational careers for skilled workers across the Pacific.

Leong-Leota says the new opportunity will help her con-

nect with chefs from around the world. She hopes to share this exchange of ideas, best practice and skills with the wider Pacific culinary community.

Leong-Leota is thankful to APTC, Worldchefs, and her loved ones for their support.

"APTC has provided me with excellent training opportunities in order for me to succeed in my teaching career. Each day at APTC is a welcome challenge for me as I continue to improve and learn new things from APTC staff and students," she said.

She admits that balancing work and family has not always been easy but says that this has also helped her grow professionally.

Leong-Leota's interest in

the culinary profession comes from her passion for food, spices, and her family. She first started working at a family restaurant in 1999 and plans to run her own business one day.

APTC Samoa Country manager Patricia Vella said that APTC is proud to have a specialised trainer such as Leong-Leota who is helping fellow Samoans learn and develop quality culinary skills.

"Having such trainers has enhanced APTC's ability to engage with the local industry and to promote the value of local produce and products and skilled workers in the Pacific," she added.

Leong-Leota is a founding member of the Samoa Culinary Association. (PR)

Pacific journalists strengthen understanding on human rights reporting

NADI, Fiji—"Giving voice to the voiceless" and "championing the rights of all peoples" were key messages highlighted at the Human Rights and Media Forum attended this week by senior journalists and government communication officers from 13 Pacific countries.

Supported by the Australian Government and European Union, the Forum reaffirmed the vital role of media in high-

lighting human rights issues and the importance of news reporting with a human rights-based approach.

The Forum highlighted the importance of building strong relationships between government communication personnel and journalists in sharing and disseminating information.

An Outcomes Document will be presented in poster format for newsrooms in the re-

gion, providing practical tips for 'rights-based reporting'.

"Human rights-oriented journalism is more focused on global instead of selective reporting, with an emphasis on the vulnerable and empowerment for the affected and marginalised people—a voice for the voiceless," Professor David Robie, prominent journalist and Director of Auckland University of Technology

(AUT) Pacific Centre, told participants at the opening of the Forum.

Marian Kupu of Broadcom Broadcasting Limited Tonga said, "I find the three-day forum very encouraging because I have learnt about my country's human rights commitments and I see my

role as a journalist to report on the gaps to encourage decision makers to prioritize and address the issues."

The Forum was organized by the Regional Rights Resource Team (RRRT) of the Pacific Community (SPC) in partnership with the Pacific Media Assistance Scheme (PACMAS), the Pacific Islands News Association

(PINA) and the University of the South Pacific (USP) Journalism.

The three-day forum has strengthened media capacity in 'rights-based reporting' to reflect the aspirations of Pacific island communities for equality, development and social justice, SPC's Team Leader of RRRT, Nicol Cave, said. (PR)

Boost for women in Pacific maritime sector

NUKU'ALOFA, Tonga—The Pacific Women in Maritime Association (PacWiMA) has been revived and will advocate for the empowerment and integration of Pacific women in the maritime sector.

This was among the outcomes of a conference held in Tonga last week which brought together stakeholders from the region's maritime sector to actively discuss and share ideas on the theme of recognising the economic contribution and leadership of women in this sector.

Organised by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the Pacific Community (SPC), the conference enabled Pacific Island country and territory representatives to provide tangible solutions for raising the profile of the involvement of women in the maritime sector, through networking, advocacy and awareness programmes.

The participants adopted a resolution and a work plan for the next three years, and agreed to advocate in their respective countries for the adoption and promotion of policies and regulations supporting access for women to maritime education and the merchant marine professions.

"This type of conference is long overdue in raising awareness of women's role in sustainable development and its theme indicated that a better future for Pacific women in maritime is ahead of us and

that we must seize this opportunity to make sure that we shall not fail, for failure is not an option," the Chief Executive Officer of Tonga's Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ana Bing Fonua, stated.

"Creating a community of experienced women in maritime occupations needs to take place at several levels, in the sector and its industries," Ms Fonua added.

Women make up only 2 percent of the worldwide supply of seafarers and mainly work in the cruise and ferries sector which are among the worst paid and least protected jobs at sea.

Evidence suggests an increasing number of women are entering the maritime profession to ensure passengers and cargo are transported safely.

Nonetheless, the contribution of women is generally unrecognized and undervalued. Changing this view is a looming challenge for the sector that is being addressed through global and regional efforts.

"Entry of women into the maritime sector must be enhanced for the sector to flourish. The IMO has been actively working for over 25 years not only to integrate women into the maritime industry, but also to change the sector for the betterment of women," the Senior Deputy Director, Technical Cooperation Division, IMO, Pamela Tansey, said.

"This discussion is well-timed and extremely encour-

aging, which is critical for this topic to secure sustained attention both at national and regional level, with a common goal to transform the maritime sector to a more inclusive and gender-balanced domain," she added.

The conference highlighted the importance of a coordinated approach to keeping women employed in the maritime sector and made aware of opportunities and emerging issues.

"This is a timely effort by the Pacific region in responding to Sustainable Development Goal 5 in encouraging policy discussion on women's full and effective participation, in this case, the integration of women in the maritime sector," SPC's Deputy Director Transport, Thierry Nervale, said.

"More importantly, the focus of the meeting reinforces the Pacific Community's regional effort to promote the advancement of women through economic empowerment," he said.

Women from the Pacific region who hold positions in maritime affairs, maritime education and training, the protection of the marine environment, ports and fisheries and the gender-related domain attended the regional meeting along with a few male counterparts from both the public and private sectors.

The conference ended on Friday in Nuku'alofa. (PR)

IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE

*Allihuyeva Maria
Hosono Sablan*

Better known as "Allie"
1962 - 2016

Allie was born in Saipan on February 01, 1962 and was called to eternal rest on Sunday, April 24, 2016 in Honolulu, Hawaii, her second home.

In her new life, she now joins her Parents, VICENTE DIAZ SABLAN (KILILI) AND FELICIDAD HOSONO SABLAN (MITSUKO); her Sister RITA H. SABLAN; and Brothers, GREGORIO H. SABLAN and EDWIN H. SABLAN.

Her loud and energetic personality, love for music and her many stories will be remembered by her siblings, Children of †RITA H. SABLAN, FRANCISCO H. AND MARGARET C. SABLAN and Children; JESUS H. AND HELEN C. SABLAN and Children; EMMA S. AND JOSEPH C. VILLAGOMEZ and Children; GREGORIO H. SABLAN and Children; VICENTE H. SABLAN and Children; and her numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, godchildren, relatives and friends.

Daily Mass of Intention is celebrated at 6:00 a.m. at the Mount Carmel Cathedral in Chalan Kanoa.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, May 02, 2016. Her remains will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home to San Jose Church in Oleai at 9:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. followed by Interment at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your thoughts and prayers are sincerely appreciated.

The Family

Life & Style



Above, eight of the 21 craft beers that FrankenBrau offers to local beer drinkers. Above right, You can find FrankenBrau at the SBR Building along Beach Road in San Antonio.

FrankenBrau introduces craft beers

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

FrankenBrau opened last Sunday, with the business partners hoping to take beer drinking on Saipan to another level by introducing craft beers made by five independent brewers in the United States—four of which are located in the Rocky Mountain State of Colorado.

Co-owners Dr. Bruno W. Doetsch and Dr. Gary W. Caille thought of establishing their own beer distribution here on Saipan with the help of former Department of Commerce secretary and representative Andrew Salas, who became their local business partner.

Doetsch, a German native who works as an international business consultant, is no stranger to beer as he grew up in Bavaria the region known for Oktoberfest. Bavaria is known to have the highest density of breweries in Germany.

He and his partners planned the business point of view on how to market quality made beers on Saipan, and soon on Tinian and Rota.

“Drinking craft beer is a form of lifestyle, a philosophy. We enjoyed quality beer, so why not introduce it to the people of Saipan,” said Doetsch, who added the five independent breweries that they signed up combined traditional methods with new techniques in creating their beers.

“Craft beers are made in small batches, at least 30,000 barrels a year. It keeps the high quality of beer made. Of course, the most consumed beers remain those made by large breweries,” Doetsch said.

Beers by Abita in Abita Springs, Louisiana and Colorado-based breweries Aspen Brewing Company in Aspen, Grimm Brothers Brewhouse in Loveland, Upslope Brewing Company in Boulder, and Telluride Brewing Company in Telluride are the ones being distributed here.

“All five know each other. The craft beer family is small and most are family owned so it is easy to work with them as a team,” said Doetsch, who holds a masters and doctor of physics degrees.

There are 21 different beer varieties with the price ranging from \$2.19 to \$2.89. “It is a bit expensive but still affordable. Plus it is a higher quality of beer. We also offer sampling of four different beers,” Doetsch added.

“We’re also talking to other breweries with two more we are already working out to add their products on our current lineup. We’re not yet done, and we’re going to expand our list. But everything depends on the business here, how will be the reception of the local market.”

He said that they personally meet owners of each brewery they wanted to partner with and are pretty much hands on in picking the products. “We visit their breweries, talk to the brewmasters, and taste their beers.”

From the breweries in Colorado, the shipment goes to California, then to Guam, and finally to Saipan. They are transported in containers that maintain a 45°F or lower. The storage facility at FrankenBrau’s store in San Antonio also has three cooling units to keep its freshness.

For more information, call 234-2288.



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Takeo Jose Nena George

1942 - 2016

born in Kosrae, FSM on March 08, 1942, sailed to his new home to be with our Heavenly Father on Monday, April 18, 2016 in Honolulu, Hawaii and is reunited with his children, **GEORGINA MARIA and GEOFFREY JOSE SABLAN GEORGE.**

As he enters the gates of Heaven, **TAK** is greeted by his children, accompanied by his Parents, Nena and Kenye Tulenkun George; his parents-in-law **JOSE CONCEPCION AND MARIA ROSARIO SABLAN**; his siblings and in-laws **Srue Olter, Elvey Phillip, Clain George, Eleanor Phillip, Harrison George, Selina Alik, Linus George, Louisa Langu, Luis R. Sablan, Daniel R. Sablan, Jesus R. Sablan, Rosa R. Sablan, Cesario R. Sablan, Maria S. & Juan Camacho, Herman R. and Carmen Sablan, and Ramon R. and Petra Sablan.**

His personality, laughter, and sound advices, together with many loving memories will be shared proudly by his wife of 44 years, **MAGDALENA (MAGGIE) SABLAN GEORGE**, their daughter and grandson, **GLENDA KENYE SABLAN GEORGE (JEFFREY)**; his sibling, **TERUKO CHARLEY** and family; his brothers in law, **JESUS R. and ANA T. SABLAN** and children, **FRANCISCO R. and BEATA M. SABLAN** and children; **CHELA SABLAN** and children and his numerous nieces and nephews; aunts, uncles, cousins, and close friends.

A simple man, **TAKEO**, known as **TAK**, lived a happy and joyful life. He was a very caring, supportive, dedicated and loving man, and was so loved by many especially his co-workers throughout his career with the Trust Territory and Commonwealth Governments.

TAK’S remains will be arriving from Honolulu, Hawaii on **Friday, April 29, 2016 at 3:05 p.m. and will be escorted to Borja Funeral Home for the recitation of the holy rosary.** Daily masses of intention are being offered at 6:00 a.m. and the Holy Rosary is prayed at 7:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Cathedral.

Last respects may be paid on **Saturday, April 30, 2016 beginning at 7:45 a.m.. Mass of Christian Funeral will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m.. Burial services will follow immediately at Mount Carmel Cemetery.**

Your thoughts and prayers are sincerely appreciated.

**MAGDALENA SABLAN (PEPERO) GEORGE AND FAMILY
GEORGE AND SABLAN FAMILIES**



Party people dance the night away.

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Warehouses are typically used by businesses to store goods and are usually seen in industrial areas of cities, towns, or villages and some are even built near ports.

A lot of warehouses were built on Saipan especially during the boom years of the garment industry in the '90s. But the once thriving garment industry slowed down after being unable to compete with cheap labor from factories in China. As a result a lot of the island's warehouses were abandoned.

Fortunately, the creative minds of the husband-and-wife team of Richard and Julien Cole recently found a new use for one of these warehouses.

The Coles gave one of the warehouses located at the Chalan Kiya Industrial Park, just past the Saipan Seventh Day Adventist School, a new lease in life by transforming it into a disco bar.

They kept the industrial atmosphere then made a few tweaks with the interior design, and voila! The Warehouse was born.

"We combined metal and wood to keep the atmosphere of a warehouse. A lot of people were delighted the first time they came here. The place is different but still has the feeling of a warehouse," said Julien.

The Coles have been on Saipan for almost a year and they usually go to bars whenever they travel. Julien is always left at the house with Richard, being the president of Skydive Saipan, always busy with work.

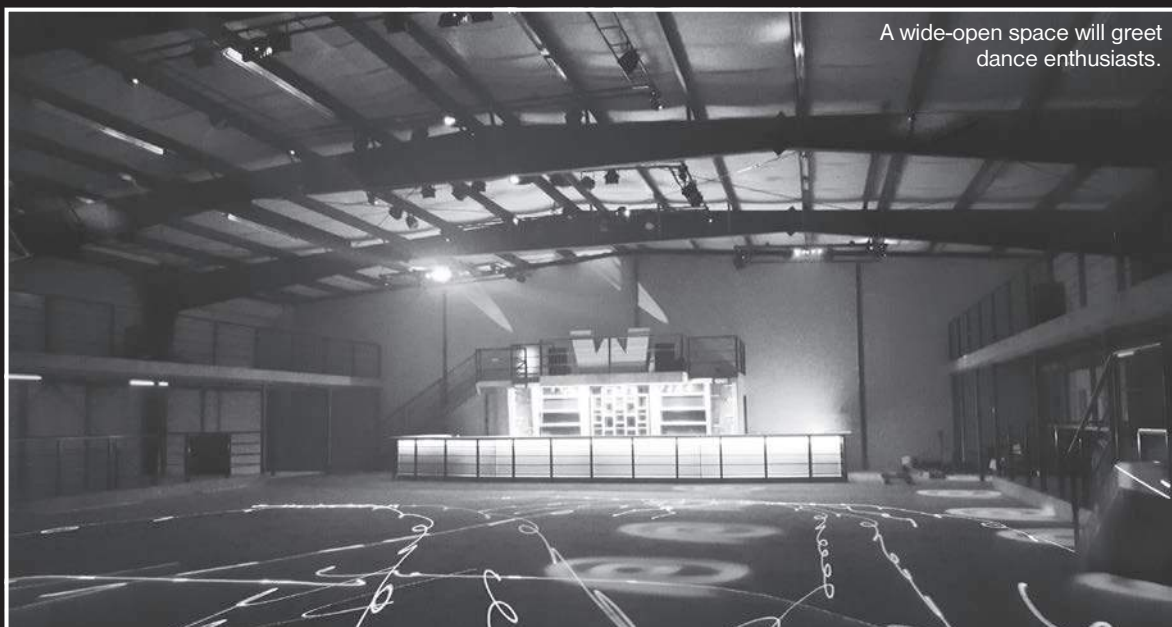
"That's why we thought of another business here. After Soudelor, GIG was damaged and there's no bar or an open dance club here when things started to normalize after the typhoon. So we thought, 'why not open another one?' It is a big investment but it is fresh," said Julien.

"We looked for a place and found this abandoned warehouse. We applied for a business license and completed all necessary documents then started renovating in December. We officially opened on April 15 and 16," she added.

They hired Japanese DJ Daiki to entertain the crowd two weeks ago. They had more plans and other promos as crowd traffic starts to pick up.

THE MANY FACES OF The Warehouse

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER



A wide-open space will greet dance enthusiasts.

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Some of The Warehouse's staff relax before opening.

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house cocktails mixed by their bartenders, and non-alcoholic drinks like smoothies and juices.

Julien said customers usually ask for The Warehouse Stackers—three mini burgers made from beef patty, pulled chicken, and pulled pork. There's also the Buffalo chicken wings where customers can request the degree of spiciness.

More than just a bar

Julien, however, said they don't want to be only labeled as a popular hang-out or the newest party place on the island. She said they would like to offer more than that, informing everybody that The Warehouse is open for other events depending on the occasion.

The Warehouse has a huge dance floor and a big space that can fit 618 people. It has VIP and VVIP areas that can be rented with the former accommodating 10 to 12 persons, while the latter up to 20. The VVIP also comes with your own bar and cocktail mixer.

"We are open to any event. That's why you can't see any sign or logo of alcoholic drinks around the facility. We made sure that it would be wholesome especially with other events held here where there are minors," she said.

"We are opening The Warehouse to any event. Whether it is a debut, birthdays, or other parties, weddings prom night, conferences, and huge meetings. We want to be a multi-function place," she added.

Innovative plans

The Warehouse has a staff of 20—eight servers, four bartenders, four security personnel inside the facility, two barbacks, and two parking attendants.

"Our security at the door always checks your IDs, they ask our patrons politely and they won't mind if it is their cousin or any other relative. We don't want to have problems with our guests," said Julien.

"Also, our parking attendants always check if one of our customers is too drunk to drive, they ask them if they have a companion that is sober to drive or if they wanted to have a cab pick them up. In the future, we plan to have a van ferry people, especially those who are too drunk to drive."

Catering to all ages

Cole said that they are planning to have different themes and events everyday to cater to all ages and patrons. The Warehouse is open from Tuesdays to Saturdays and closed every Sundays and Mondays. They are open from 5pm to 2am every weekdays and 5pm to 4am every weekends.

"We are planning to have a Blast From the Past theme every Tuesday

where the dance music will be from the '60s to the '90s. It will be simultaneous with our Taco Tuesdays where tacos are \$1 each," said Julien.

Wednesday is reserved for Karaoke for those who love to sing and Ladies Night, where female guests will get 50 percent off on all cocktails. Island and reggae music will take center stage every Thursday night with local bands performing.

DJs and other spinners will get the

crowd dancing and up on their feet during weekends—Fridays and Saturdays.

"We are planning to also add a Country-Western theme in the future. We also wanted to attract the 50s and up market that's why we have different themes," she added.

The Warehouse serves appetizers and chasers with plans to add more restaurant fare in the future. They also have alcoholic drinks, with in-

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Pinoy favorites every weekend at Club C

Want to indulge on your favorite Filipino dishes but don't have the time to cook on the weekends? Then try Club C's latest promo—Beerkada Fridays—which begins tonight, to satisfy your cravings.

Bicol Express, pork stew made from coconut milk and Serrano or long chilies; Crispy Pata or deep-fried pork knuckles; Kare-Kare, ox tail and beef tripe in peanut sauce; and Pinaputok na Bangus Belly are the initial dishes prepared by chef Gardo Merencilla.

Club C's latest buy-four and pay-three promo, a concept by its staff led by general manager Anita Go, allows diners to only pay for the three dishes with the fourth one free.

"The menu will change every week. Next week we will be offering a different set of Filipino dishes. But customers can still order the dishes upon request," said Go.

"We thought of the promo based on our clients. Chinese and Filipinos—especially affiliates at Tan Holdings—are our regular customers here at Club C. They come here to unwind and for the entertainment," she added.

Rice is included in all dishes—cooked the traditional Filipino way—and is good for up to six people. The bangus (milkfish) belly is first marinated before being filled with chopped onions and tomatoes while the pork knuckles are pressure-cooked before being deep fried.

For the beer, Club C offers San Miguel Pale Pilsen



JON PEREZ

Kare-Kare, ox tail and beef tripe stew in peanut sauce, is a favorite dish in Pampanga province in Central Luzon island in the Philippines. It's one of the new Pinoy dishes being whipped out by Club C during the weekends.



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Prepare yourself to taste the spiciness of Bicol Express.



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Chef Gardo Merencilla will weave his magic to cook your Pinoy favorites.



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Club C regulars can now indulge in the sinfully delicious Crispy Pata.



and Miller Lite.

Mercenilla, whose previous work includes being a waiter and steward, added that although Filipino dishes are his specialty he also learned how to cook Chinese and Japanese food after watching his former bosses when he was still an apprentice in a restaurant in Aklan province Philippines.

"I started from the bottom and worked my way up. I didn't have any formal training in culinary arts but I just love cooking and I really wanted to learn how to cook," said the hotel and restaurant management graduate at the Panay Technological College.

"I applied what I see from other chefs and whenever I watch cooking competitions. I was still in high school when I was introduced to the food industry after working for a school principal that has a catering business in our province," added Mercenilla, who also worked as a housekeeping staff at the Manila Diamond Hotel in the Philippines.

Mercenilla also worked previously at the former Saipan Diamond Hotel, now Saipan World Resort, as a kitchen helper before transferring to Shirley's Coffee Shop. He moved to Kanoa Resort before being hired as one of the chefs at Club C.

For more information on Beerkada Nights, call Club C at 483-7636.

Admitted hypochondriac seeks a cure for her fear of dying

DEAR ABBY: I'm a hypochondriac. I am currently waiting on the biopsy results for a mole I had removed. Right now I'm worried and miserable. I feel guilty for what I'm putting my husband through. I want to get therapy, but doing that feels like admitting I'm too weak to handle my problems myself. My husband thinks he's a bad husband because he can't help me.

This isn't the first time I have worked myself up over a medical condition I may or may not have, and it won't be the last. How can I deal with my fear of dying from something horrible without damaging my relationship with my husband? Can hypochondria be cured? It's starting to take over my life.

HYPOCHONDRIAC IN THE SOUTH

DEAR HYPOCHONDRIAC: It's a wise person who seeks help for a problem that's ruining the quality of his or her life. You should definitely discuss your fear of dying with a licensed mental health professional. To do that isn't "weak" — it's the opposite.

DEAR ABBY: My son is getting married in the fall and we're all looking forward to the celebration. There's just one problem. My daughter will be in the wedding and the bridesmaids' dresses are strapless. She will look beautiful in the dress, but she adopted a "hippy lifestyle" a year ago and stopped shaving her armpits.

The bride-to-be asked me how to approach her to request that

she remove her armpit hair on the day of the wedding. Is there a tactful way to approach this without offending my daughter and possibly causing bad feelings between her and the bride?

UNSURE IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR UNSURE: I would discourage you from doing that. Although every bride wants her wedding to be "perfect," there's a point at which she must realize there are some things she can't control. An example of where that boundary should be drawn would be at her bridesmaids' armpits. During a formal wedding ceremony, bridesmaids usually keep their arms down, so unless your daughter's "pit hair" is so long she can braid it, it should not distract attention from the bride.

P.S. If hairy armpits in the wedding pictures concern her, they can be Photoshopped off.

DEAR ABBY: My parents built a two-bedroom apartment onto their house for my brother and his wife when they were struggling financially. They decided to move out of state, so my single sister is now in the apartment.

It has been a year, and my brother and his wife are now expecting. They have moved back to the area because they want to raise the baby near family, and want the apartment back. Of course, my sister doesn't want to give it back. I feel she shouldn't have to.

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.



I agree with my sister that my brother gave it up. But my brother feels my single sister doesn't need a two-bedroom apartment. On that point I agree with him. My husband, my parents and I are in the middle. What do you think should be done?

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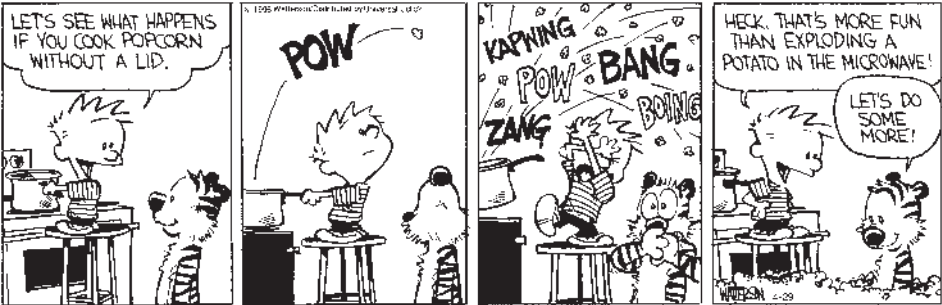
DEAR "SQUAB": Get out of the middle by stepping away. The apartment belongs to your parents, and it is up to them to decide who gets to use it. The rule of etiquette in a situation like this is: Mouth shut! (The more you involve yourself, the more one of your siblings is sure to resent you.)

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



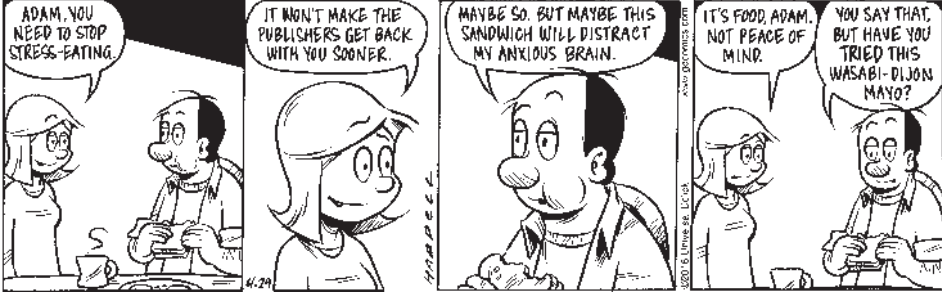
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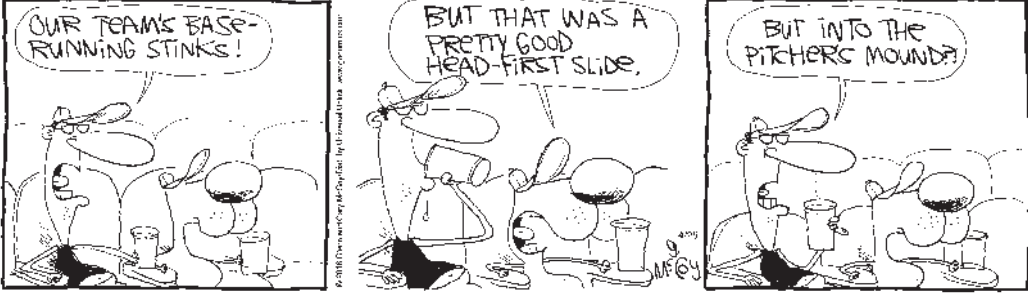
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By Glenn McCoy



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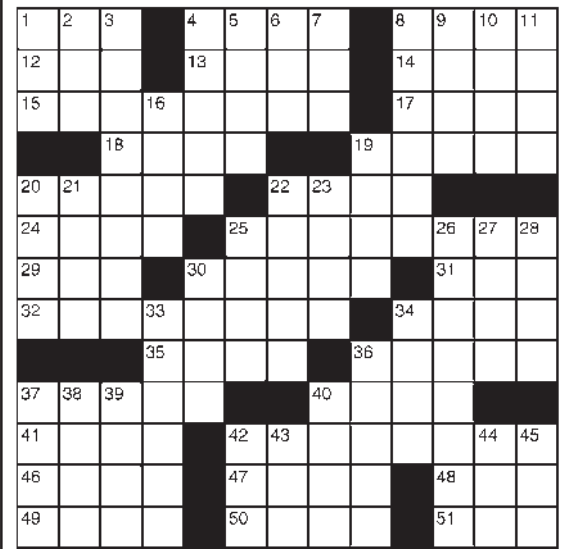
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19 "Cabaret" star Joel
20 Spill the beans
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26 Resident
27 Piece of work
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33 Chopping spree?
34 Urban haze
36 Heart line?
37 Epsilon follower
38 "The Good Earth" wife
39 Falling-out
40 Fish feature
42 "Alice" waitress
43 Be sick
44 Cattle call
45 Ram's mate

Solution time: 26 mins.

Yesterday's answer 4-29



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Andre Agassi, 46; Uma Thurman, 46; Michelle Pfeiffer, 58; Jerry Seinfeld, 62

Happy Birthday: You will keep everyone guessing with your far-reaching thoughts and plans for the future. Added discipline and a desire to turn your dreams into a reality will give you the edge to achieve your goal. Opportunities will surface, and your ability to react quickly will ensure your success. You will attract interest and positive suggestions from others. Live your dream. Your numbers are 1, 9, 21, 27, 30, 43, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let bureaucracy get in your way. Get your papers in order so nothing will stop you from achieving your dreams. A promise to someone special will bring you personal and emotional stability. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): An emotional encounter is best handled with care. Consistency and stability will be in your best interest when dealing with private affairs or institutions. Your intuition won't let you down. Act on your gut feelings and you will avoid a mishap. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Approach any offers you receive with an open mind. It's important to ask questions and decipher whether someone is exaggerating or giving you the straight facts. You can make physical changes that will add to your appeal. Romance is favored. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Enjoy getting together with people you haven't seen for some time. Attending a reunion

will give you insight into how well you are doing in comparison to your peers. A last-minute physical change will disappoint you. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Live in the moment. Make plans to do something that is energetic, playful and challenging. Show off and you'll receive attention. Any negative feedback you receive will be due to jealousy. Be yourself and have fun. Love and romance are highlighted. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Ask questions, take notes and figure out what you need to know before making a decision or change. Don't give in to anyone putting demands on you. Do something enjoyable with a friend or loved one. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take time out to do something you enjoy. Learn something that will help you recognize new ways to put your skills to use. Your experience will be encouraging and give you hope for achieving greater success. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make your surroundings more suitable for a project you want to take on. An idea you share with a good friend or partner can be taken to the next level if you don't let emotional differences get in the way. **

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't trust anyone to do your job for you. You'll be misled or give someone the wrong impression if you aren't careful. Make changes that will help improve your look and attitude. ****

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take time out to read, gather information or have a heart-to-heart discussion with someone you love. Offering compliments and positive solutions will bring the best results. Ask questions, avoid judging others, and be receptive to suggestions. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Go over your financial situation. Put a plan together that will help you boost your income. Explore new outlets to market your talents and services. Love is in the stars, and romance is encouraged. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stick close to home. Avoid dealing with institutions and negative individuals who bring you down. Participate in an event that you can enjoy with a friend or loved one. Offer positive input and plenty of laughter. ***

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SUDOKU
Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

FOOTBALL PENALTIES Solution: 9 letters

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Yesterday's Answer: Boardwalk

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Warriors roll into second round without Curry



OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Klay Thompson knew Golden State had to come together, that every player needed to raise his game with Stephen Curry on the sidelines.

"None of us can do it alone," Thompson insisted hours earlier.

He sure got things started, scoring 27 points with seven 3-pointers as the Warriors rolled into the second round of the playoffs without their injured superstar, thoroughly embarrassing the Houston Rockets 114-81 on Wednesday night in Game 5.

"Urgency of the game and we did not want to go back to Houston - long flight," Thompson said of his extra motivation.

Draymond Green added 15 points, nine rebounds and eight assists for the Warriors, who will face the winner of the Clippers-Trail Blazers series. Portland leads 3-2.

Without the MVP, Curry's fellow Splash Brother set the tone from the opening tip. Thompson became the first player in NBA history to make at least seven 3s in consecutive playoff games, while Shaun Livingston scored 16 points for his third double-digit performance in three games while starting in Curry's place this series.

"We're blessed, we are really lucky. You lose your point guard, you lose the MVP, and to be able to throw Shaun Livingston out there, he's a fantastic basketball player, a great teammate," coach Steve Kerr said.

Curry, in a brown sport coat on the bench while nursing his sprained right knee, emphatically bobbed his head, clapped and bowed to Thompson during starter introductions. He even worked the officials during a timeout, and gestured with hand signals to celebrate big plays.



Golden State Warriors' Festus Ezeli, center, is defended by Houston Rockets' James Harden, right, and Michael Beasley during the first half in Game 5 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series Wednesday, April 27, 2016, in Oakland, Calif.

Hornets 90, Heat 88

In Miami, Courtney Lee's 3-pointer with 25.2 seconds left put Charlotte ahead to stay, and the Hornets beat Miami in Game 5 of their Eastern Conference first-round series.

The Hornets have won three straight games in the series, and will take a 3-2 lead into a potential Game 6 clincher on Friday night.

Marvin Williams led the Hornets with 17 points, while Al Jefferson and Kemba Walker each had 14 for Charlotte -- which got its first road playoff win in 14 years. Jeremy Lin added 11.

Dwyane Wade scored 25 for Miami, while Luol Deng scored 15, Joe Johnson added 13 and Hassan Whiteside finished with 11 points and 12 rebounds.

James Harden scored 25 of Houston's 37 first-half points on the way to 35 points, but the Rockets had no chance with a one-man show against the deep defending champions.

So much for Jason Terry's guarantee there would be a Game 6 back in Houston.

Thompson hit a way-back, Curry-like 3 from 31 feet at the top of the arc with 5:37 left in the third. He shot 7 of 11 from long range, 10 for 14 overall.

Curry could only grin, cheer and enjoy every second of seeing his team do so well without him.

"He was just joking around and having a lot of fun. It was a game with a lot of joy," Kerr said. "Steph was having a

great time."

The NBA's leading scorer is sidelined for at least two weeks with a sprained MCL that happened when he slipped awkwardly on the final play of the first half of Sunday's Game 4 and his legs split apart.

A day after Kerr was voted NBA Coach of the Year, his team took the first step toward a repeat title by following up its record 73-win season by so confidently handling Houston.

Trail Blazers 108, Clippers 98

In Los Angeles, CJ McCollum scored 27 points, Damian Lillard added 16 of his 22 in the fourth quarter when Portland pulled away, and the Trail Blazers capitalized on the absence of injured Chris Paul

and Blake Griffin to beat Los Angeles in Game 5 their first-round series.

The Blazers are up 3-2 and could close it out Friday in Portland. If Game 7 is needed, it would be Saturday back at Staples Center.

Maurice Harkless added 19 points and 10 rebounds, and Mason Plumlee had 10 points and 15 boards for Portland. The Blazers made six 3-pointers in the fourth, with Lillard hitting five of his six as they outscored the Clippers 37-27.

J.J. Redick led the Clippers with 19 points. Jamal Crawford, the Sixth Man of the Year, added 17 points starting in Paul's place. Jeff Green also had 17 off the bench and DeAndre Jordan had 16 points and 17 rebounds.

Key to first round lies in 3rd pick with Chargers



CHICAGO (AP)—For once, the key to the first round of the NFL draft doesn't belong to the team picking first.

Or second.

With the Rams and Eagles having traded up to secure the top two spots, where they have said they will take quarterbacks, it's San Diego that likely will determine the flow on Thursday night. What will the Chargers do with the third selection?

Perhaps defensive back Jalen Ramsey of Florida State, considered one of the best athletes and most NFL-ready players available. Maybe Laremy Tunsil, the Ole Miss

offensive tackle who can pile-drive blockers into submission.

Pass rushers Joey Bosa of Ohio State and DeForest Buckner of Oregon could be in the mix, too. Maybe linebacker Myles Jack of UCLA.

Chargers general manager Tom Telesco has not been shy about making draft-day deals, either.

"Like Tom talked about last week at his press conference," coach Mike McCoy said in a web chat with fans, "we were looking at every scenario with trade possibilities. When those two teams traded ahead of us, that settled things down a bit. The phones weren't ringing quite as often.

"We're excited to get on the clock at pick No. 3."

Dallas follows right behind San Diego, and the Cowboys could be thinking defense or even running back if Ohio State's Ezekiel Elliott suits their tastes. Their offensive line is strong enough from recent drafts that selecting Tunsil is a long shot.

Then again, some scouts have rated Tunsil the top prospect in the entire crop, and left tackles are a premium commodity. So a bunch of other clubs in need of help on the O-line could be lining up to get the fourth overall pick.

Two other intriguing selections in the top 10 belong to San Francisco and Cleveland.

Both could be in the market for a quarterback such as Paxton Lynch; Colin Kaepernick has said he would like out of San Francisco, and the Browns, despite adding Robert Griffin III, always are looking for a QB.

The 49ers have the seventh spot, and the Browns, after trading down from No. 2, will go eighth.

Of course, considering the mega-trades pulled off so far, the top 10 could look very different by the time Los Angeles opens the selection process. Not to mention how the rest of the 31-pick round (New England forfeited its pick in the deflated footballs saga) might go.

Lakers to interview Walton; Knicks talk to David Blatt

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—The Los Angeles Lakers received permission from the Warriors to interview top assistant Luke Walton for their coaching vacancy.

Golden State coach Steve Kerr said Wednesday before Game 5 of the playoffs against Houston that Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak contacted Warriors GM Bob Myers, who said Walton could interview once the first-round series is done. The Warriors held a 3-1 advantage in the best-of-seven series going into Wednesday.

"Mitch has called Bob and we've told Mitch he's perfectly welcome to talk to Luke as soon as this series is over and we have a little break," Kerr said.

The 36-year-old Walton, who won two championships during his nine seasons playing for the Lakers, guided defending champion Golden State to a record 24-0 start this season while filling in for Kerr when the coach was on a leave of absence following complications from two back surgeries. Overall, Walton was 39-4 while Kerr was out, and he finished eighth in Coach of the Year voting.

"It is impressive for an assistant coach. I think he should have been higher," Golden State power forward Draymond Green said.

Walton has not wanted to become a distraction during Golden State's quest for a sec-

ond straight title when it comes to speaking about his own coaching future. For months, he has been considered a strong candidate to be in the Lakers' plans if they made a change.

Los Angeles fired Byron Scott on Sunday night.

In New York, the Knicks have interviewed former Cleveland coach David Blatt for their head coaching position, a person with knowledge of the details said Wednesday.

Knicks President of Basketball Operations Phil Jackson met with Blatt this week, the person told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because details of the coaching search are private.

Blatt's interview was first reported by Yahoo Sports.

Blatt was fired by the Cavaliers after leading them to the NBA Finals last year in his first season and a 30-11 record this season. The longtime successful international coach was a teammate at Princeton with Knicks general manager Steve Mills.

The Cavaliers led the Eastern Conference when they fired Blatt and promoted Tyronn Lue to coach.

Kurt Rambis finished the season as Knicks interim coach after Jackson fired Derek Fisher in February. Jackson has said his preference is to hire someone he knows, naming Rambis as the only person who would definitely get an interview.

Pedroia hits slam, solo HR in Red Sox win



BOSTON

(AP)—Dustin Pedroia had a grand slam and a solo homer, and David Ortiz had three doubles to pass Red Sox greats Ted Williams and Jimmie Foxx on the career extra-base hits with 1,119 as Boston won its fourth straight after downing the Braves, 9-4.

Freddie Freeman homered end the Braves' homerless streak at 15 games, the longest since the 1946 Boston Braves went 16 in a row.

Knuckleballer Steven Wright (2-2) allowed two runs -- one earned -- and three hits in seven innings.

Bud Norris (1-4) got just four outs, giving up six runs and seven hits.

Mets 5, Reds 2

In New York, Neil Walker hit his ninth home run, tying for the major league lead, Matt Harvey won his second straight start and the New York Mets beat the Cincinnati Reds Wednesday night to stretch their winning streak to six.

Walker's third-inning homer off Jon Moscot (0-2) extended the Mets' lead to 3-1 and tied the team record for home runs in April.

Harvey (2-3) gave up two runs and seven hits in six innings, striking out a season-high seven, and Addison Reed pitched a perfect ninth for his first save.

White Sox 4, Blue Jays 0

In Toronto, Dioner Navarro hit a go-ahead, two-run triple in the seventh, helping Chicago win its sixth straight.

Jose Quintana (3-1) struck out a season-high 10 in six innings for Chicago, which leads the major leagues with

five shutouts and is 10 games above .500 for the first time since Sept. 25, 2012. Quintana allowed five hits and walked three.

Tigers 9, Athletics 4

In Detroit, Justin Verlander (3-2) allowed three runs and five hits in 6 1/3 innings, and J.D. and Victor Martinez both homered.

Sonny Gray (3-2) lasted only two innings in the shortest start of his big league career. He gave up four runs, two hits and four walks, throwing 65 pitches. Detroit had lost seven of its previous nine, scoring more than three runs only once in the prior seven games.

Orioles 3, Rays 1

In St. Petersburg, Joey Rickard hit a three-run home run and Chris Tillman (2-1) tied his career high with nine strikeouts, giving up two hits in 6 2/3 scoreless innings to beat Tampa Bay for the second time this season.

Rickard homered in the fifth against Matt Moore (1-2), who allowed three runs and three hits in seven innings with nine strikeouts.

Angels 4, Royals 2

In Anaheim, Mike Trout hit a tying two-run homer, Yunel Escobar hit a go-ahead solo shot in the sixth inning and Andrelton Simmons also went deep to power Los Angeles over Kansas City.

Escobar, the Angels' lead-off hitter, drove Chris Young's 3-1 pitch to center field for his third homer of the season leading off the sixth to put the Angels ahead 3-2.

Rangers 3, Yankees 2

In Arlington, Elvis Andrus had



AP
Boston Red Sox's Dustin Pedroia, right, is congratulated by designated hitter David Ortiz after his grand slam during the second inning of a baseball game against the Atlanta Braves at Fenway Park in Boston, Wednesday, April 27, 2016.

RBI for Houston.

Robinson Cano and Adam Lind had solo homers for Seattle.

Indians 6, Twins 5

In Minneapolis, Francisco Lindor drove in three runs and Cleveland spoiled the big league debut of Jose Berrios with a victory over Minnesota.

Carlos Santana had three hits and the Indians avoided losing to the Twins on a walk-off hit for the third consecutive night.

Phillies 3, Nationals 0

In Washington, Jeremy Hellickson (2-1) allowed two hits over seven innings and struck out eight, and Jeanmar Gomez pitched a perfect ninth for his sixth save.

Gio Gonzalez (1-1) fell behind on Darin Ruf's sacrifice fly in the sixth. The Phillies made it 2-0 an inning later with an unearned run on a throwing error by third baseman Anthony Rendon, and Carlos Ruiz homered off Sammy Solis in the eighth.

Giants 13, Padres 9

In San Francisco, Brandon Belt was a homer short of the cycle and drove in five runs, Hunter Pence drove in a pair on three hits and San Francisco completed a three-game sweep.

Jeff Samardzija (3-1) allowed a season-high five runs in 5 2/3 innings and snapped a tie with a two-run single for the Giants, who won their fifth in six games.

a tiebreaking RBI triple and Texas beat New York even after former Rangers shortstop Alex Rodriguez hit his 100th homer in the stadium.

A-Rod's 690th career homer gave him triple digits in the Rangers' ballpark. He hit 86 at home for Texas from 2001-03 and has 14 more in 65 games as a visitor there—first with Seattle before his big deal with the Rangers, and after being traded to the Yankees.

Pirates 9, Rockies 8, 12 innings

In Denver, Jordy Mercer hit a tiebreaking RBI double in the 12th inning, and Pittsburgh continued its mastery of Colo-

rado with a marathon win.

Kyle Lobstein (2-0) pitched three scoreless innings and Mark Melancon pitched the bottom of the 12th for his fifth save for Pittsburgh, which has won eight straight in Denver.

Cardinals 11, Diamondbacks 4

In Phoenix, Adam Wainwright pitched into the sixth inning for his first win and hit a three-run triple in St. Louis' fifth straight offensive outburst for another win over Arizona.

St. Louis scored 18 combined runs in two games to close out a sweep over San Diego and had 15 in splitting the first two against Arizona.

Marlins 2, Dodgers 0

In Los Angeles, Justin Nicolino gave up two hits in 7 1/3 innings in his season debut to lead Miami over Los Angeles for its fourth straight win.

Nicolino (1-0), just recalled from Triple-A New Orleans, walked two and struck out two. He didn't allow a runner past first base and retired 12 of the final 13 batters he faced.

Astros 7, Mariners 4

In Seattle, Jose Altuve opened the game with his third leadoff homer of the season, doubled twice and scored three runs to help Houston avoid a sweep with a victory over Seattle.

Evan Gattis added three

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NMC Foundation Golf Tournament this Saturday



The Northern Marianas College Foundation is encouraging all golfers to participate in this Saturday’s 13th NMC Foundation Open Golf Tournament.

The event is part of the Foundation’s efforts to help advance post secondary education in the CNMI and will be held on west course of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

The NMC Foundation is composed of community volunteers committed to the advancement of opportunities in support of higher education for students in the CNMI. The golf tournament is the NMC Foundation’s signature event that raises funds to support NMC’s academic programs and services.

“On behalf of the NMC Foundation, I would like to thank all past supporters for their investment in our community. I call upon the same supporters as well as other

members of this great community to contribute to our one and only community college in helping students achieve their goal of obtaining a degree in higher education,” said NMC Foundation president Mary Tenorio. “All proceeds will go to the NMC Foundation, which is charged with the mission of supporting our great community college.”

The tournament will have a shotgun start at 7am and will follow a medal play format. There will be six separate flight categories: Championship, A, B, C, Seniors, and Ladies.

Tournament prizes for first place are \$500, \$300 for second, \$200 for third in each of the six flights. Hole-in-one prizes include a \$5,000 donation by Pacifica Insurance, 2 round trip tickets worth over \$4,000 to Japan and the U.S. sponsored by Delta Airlines and a brand new 2016 Mazda 3 Hatchback sponsored by Triple J Motors. (PR)

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Besides Minor and Bani-mataku, the Broncos also have holdovers Amanda Hawkins of the Federated States of Micronesia and Lorish Pulus-

pene of Papua New Guinea and freshmen Jewel Ellis of Bahamas, Francisco Nyarko of Ghana, and Katarzyna Rosikon of Poland. Former Oceania Tennis Federation regional development officer Dan O’Connell is still coaching the squad.

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his target in the 53rd, while MP United’s lone goal was courtesy of CNMI head coach Kiyoshi Sekiguchi.

In the other Division 1 game last weekend, Paire and KFAS settled for the scoreless draw.

FA Challenge Cup tomorrow

Meanwhile, Northern Mariana Islands Football Association will hold the 2016 FA Boys and Girls Challenge Cup tomorrow at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

The one-day tournament is for teams in the girls U15 and U12 co-ed age groups with a single-elimination format and

the 10 squads are divided into two groups.

On the east group, MPU girls U15 will take on MPU U12-coed B at 9am at Pitch 2 with the winner advancing against Kanoa girls U15 at 11am. The other pairing on the east side will have girls U15 champion Shirley’s battling Paire girls U15 at 10am. The team left standing on the east group will advance to the finals against the top finisher of the west group. The title match is set for 3:30pm.

For the west side, Shirley’s co-ed U12 will meet Tan Holdings co-ed U12 with the victor challenging Kanoa co-ed U12 for a semis berth. MPU co-ed U12 A and Paire U12 co-ed will collide for the other semis berth on the west group.

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into the first round of his 155-lb showdown against Guam Muay Thai’s Khalil “Nunu” Toves, while in a heavier bout (160lb), Langu defeated the former’s stable mate, Jonah Pangelinan via split decision.

In the lone 135-lb bout, Muna stopped Ground Fu’s Shane Torres via triangle choke at the 1:33 mark of the final round, while High Blood Pressure Guam’s Tabligan posted an earlier win after employing a rear-naked choke on Team Lights Out’s Derek “Hot Shot” Naog with only 17 seconds left in the second round.

In the last two MMA bouts

before the lightweight title duel between Ryan “The Predator” Toves and Rob Wusstig, Lee and Vidaurri both won via TKOs.

Lee kicked fellow Trench Tech bet Francisco “Pakpak” Palacios down and unleashed a series of punches, prompting referee Cuki Alvarez to step in and stop the fight at the 1:56 mark of the opening round. Vidaurri, on the other hand, used his knees to hit Ryan “Trouble” Ngirbabul on the face and body en route to the TKO victory just 26 seconds into the second round. Nabors stopped the fight as blood began to flow from Ngirbabul’s nose after getting a lot of punishing shots from the Guam Muay Thai fighter.

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U7, U9, and U11’s 100m run and then had five out of the six first place finisher in the 200m. Whispering Palms River Kramer averted another WSR sweep when she stopped the girls U11 200m qualifier.

In the April 19 qualifier, Koblerville Elementary School earned four first place finishes each in the 60m 100m, and

200m runs, while Brilliant Star and Kagman Elementary School had one apiece in the same events.

In the April 20 qualifier, which was for middle schools, Dandan recorded three top finishes in the 60m run, while San Antonio and Hopwood registered one each.

Dandan tallied two more first place finishes in the 200m, while MHS duplicated that feat in the girls and boys U18,

and Tanapag posted one. The Dolphins also ruled the boys and girls U18 100m run qualifier, while Hopwood swept the boys and girls U14 age groups.

Meanwhile, results in this week’s qualifiers are unavailable at press time and will be released early next week. The final week of the qualifying events started last Monday with Koblerville, Brilliant Star, SIS, San Vicente, Garampan, and Mt. Carmel joining the 400m, 800m, and 1,500m

run. The same three races were scheduled last Tuesday for students from SCS, GTC, WSR, Agape, Whispering Palms, and Oleai.

The three middle distances races, plus the 3,000m run and discus and shotput throws were slated last Wednesday with students from Chacha, SCS, MBA, Whispering Palms, Dandan, SIS, Agape, San Antonio, Hopwood, MCS, and Tanapag participating in the qualifiers.

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SAIPAN LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

Big League Division

Batting Leaders (Based on 14 or more AB)

Players	AB	Hit	Ave.
Franco Nakamura	15	9	.600
Barry Sunumai	14	8	.572
Franklin Lizama	18	9	.500
Jerald Cabrera	16	8	.500
Jesse Brel	14	7	.500
JJ Lifofoi	17	8	.471
Ian Norita	15	7	.467
Angel Palacios	14	6	.429
Henry Lizma	15	6	.400
Roke Tenorio	15	6	.400
Jhace Palacios	14	5	.358
AJ Evangelista	17	6	.353
Darion Jones	16	5	.313
Peyton Lizama	14	4	.286

Runs

JJ Lifofoi	7
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Triples

Darion Jones	2
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Home Run

Jhace Palacios	1
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Doubles

Franklin Lizama	3
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RBIs

Roke Tenorio	6
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Pitching Leaders (Based on 7 or more innings pitched)

Players	IP	ER	ERA
JJ Lifofoi	10	0	0.00
Nathan Camacho	9	0	0.00
Jerald Cabrera	9	1	0.78
Jesse Brel	7	1	1.00
AJ Evangelisa	7	1	1.00

Strikeouts

Nathan Camacho	13
Jhace Palacios	9
Peyton Lizama	8

Senior League Division

Batting Leaders (Based on 8 or more times AB)

Players	AB	Hit	Ave.
Ethan Babauta	22	12	.546
Delin Reusora	20	10	.500
Kimo Angailen	25	12	.480
Shakobe Rangamar	22	9	.409
Ace Evangelista	25	10	.400
Nathan Anson	20	8	.400
Richard Atalig	26	10	.385
Virgil Secharmidal	19	7	.369
Tindin Leon Guerrero	19	7	.369
Jay Kalen	25	9	.360
Aurel Mendiola	25	8	.320
Jimmy Demapan	23	7	.305
Christian Lizama	20	6	.300
Nathan Nogis	22	6	.273

Runs

Virgil Secharmidal	14
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Homerun

June Atalig	1
Nate Anson	1

Doubles

Richard Atalig	2
Noel Cabrera	2
Shakobe Rangamar	2

RBIs

Ethan Babauta	9
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Triples

Delin Reusora	3
Kimo Angailen	2

Pitching Leaders (Based on 14 or more innings pitched)

Players	IP	ER	ERA
Ethan Babauta	26	1	0.27
Brandon Pua	14	1	0.50
Richard Atalig	21	2	0.67
Tindin Leon Guerrero	17	2	0.82

Strikeouts

Richard Atalig	36
Ethan Babauta	28

Junior League Division

Batting Leaders (Based on 23 or more AB)

Players	Teams	AB	Hit	Ave.
Joe Tudela	Braves	26	14	.539
Vicente Camacho	Braves	25	12	.480
Spencer Dickerson	Falcons	23	10	.435
Aven Evangelista	Falcons	26	11	.423
Pedro Maratita	Enforcers	32	13	.407
Arby Yaguel	Falcons	25	10	.400
Dennis Cabrera	Enforcers	29	11	.380
Ignacio Mendiola	Enforcers	25	9	.360

Derrick Reusora	Red Sox	25	9	.360
Tyrese Camacho	Falcons	28	10	.358
Angel Iguel	Falcons	23	7	.305
Chris Achas	Enforcers	24	7	.292
Dai Padweiski	Red Sox	28	8	.286
Anthony Dizon	Braves	28	7	.250

Runs

Dennis Cabrera	11
Vicente Camacho	11
Angel Iguel	11

Triples

Dennis Cabrera	3
Ignacio Mendiola	2
Derrick Reusora	2

Doubles

Phillip Kapileo	5
Joe Tudela	4
Derrick Reusora	4

RBIs

Phillip Kapileo	10
Dennis Cabrera	9

Pitching Leaders (Based on 13 or more innings pitched)

Players	IP	ER	ERA
Tyrese Camcho	20	1	0.35
Pedro Maratita	17	1	0.41
Spencer Dickinson	16	2	0.88
Vicente Camacho	13	2	1.08
Jude Reyes	18	6	2.33

Strikeouts

Tyrese Camacho	38
Spencer Dickinson	23

SAIPAN BASEBALL LEAGUE

Team Standings (As of April 27)

Team	W	L	Pct.
CK Bears	4	0	1.000
GSM Brewers	4	1	0.800
Titanium	3	1	0.750
Falcons	3	2	0.600
Yankees	2	3	0.400
North Starz	2	3	0.400
Aces	1	4	0.200
Blue Jays	0	5	0.000

Batting Leaders (Based on 12 or more AB)

Players	Teams	AB	Hit	BA
Franco Nakamura	Yankees	13	8	.615
Nokki Saralu	Brewers	21	11	.524
Jose Lizama	CK Bears	16	8	.500
Jhace Palacios	Titanium	12	6	.500
Roke Tenorio	North Starz	21	10	.476
Davie Matagolai	Blue Jays	15	7	.467
Jun Rabauliman	Titanium	13	6	.462
Ben Jones Jr.	Aces	20	9	.450
Patrick Tenorio	Titanium	14	6	.429
John Tudela	Aces	17	7	.412
Giovanni Mira	Falcons	17	7	.412
Verlance Secharmidal	Aces	22	9	.409
Anthony Tenorio	Brewers	22	9	.409
AJ Evangelista	Falcons	20	8	.400
Mario Salas	Yankees	21	8	.381
AJ Lizama	CK Bears	14	5	.357
Lamarc Iguel	Aces	24	8	.333
Ben Leon Guerrero	Yankees	21	7	.333
JJ Lifofoi	Falcons	21	7	.333
Manny Sablan	Brewers	12	4	.333
Barry Sunumai	Falcons	18	5	.278

Runs

Roke Tenorio	North Starz	10
Juan Iguel	Aces	9
Peyton Lizama	CK Bears	8

RBIs

Nokki Saralu	Brewers	7
John Tudela	Aces	7
Jose Lizama Jr.	CK Bears	6
Peter Tomokane	Yankees	6

Triples

Anthony Tenorio	Brewers	3
Lamarc Iguel	Aces	2
Tyrone Omar	Brewers	2

Doubles

Jose Lizama Jr.	CK Bears	3
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Pitching Leaders (Based on 10 or more innings pitched)

Players	Team	IP	ER	ERA
Michael Muna Jr.	Aces	16.2	2	1.08
Lancaster Secharmidal	Brewers	16	2	1.13
Ricky Joe Riungel	Falcons	14	2	1.29
Jared Camacho	North Starz	14	2	1.29
Jeffrey Lizama	CK Bears	10	2	1.80
Keola Camacho	Blue Jays	10	2	1.80
Peter Lieto	Yankees	9.2	2	1.86
Jose Lizama Jr.	CK Bears	12	3	2.25
Ben Lizama Jr.	North Starz	10.2	3	2.53
Frankie Lieto	Falcons		20	6 2.70

Strikeouts

Michael Muna	Aces	22
Lancaster Secharmidal	Brewers	21
Peter Lieto	Yankees	18
Jose Lizama Jr.	CK Bears	18
John Tudela	Aces	18
Joe Palacios	Titanium	17

Twin wins for Falcons against Enforcers



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The Falcons' Arby Yaguel delivers a pitch to the Kagman Enforcers during their first round duel at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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The Falcons swept the Kagman Enforcers in the Junior and Senior League division games in the 2016 Saipan Little League Baseball last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

In the Junior League, the Falcons posted a 6-3 win, while their Senior League crew coasted to a 9-2 triumph.

Closer Spencer Dickinson came in for Arby Yaguel early in the fourth inning and threw a two-hitter in 3.4 innings pitched while striking out seven and giving up no runs to lift the Falcons to victory. Dickinson also went 3-for-4 at bat and scored one run.

His lone run came at the top of the first inning where the Falcons got four more for the early lead, 5-0. Three of the Falcons' runs were off the

Enforcers' errors, while the other two came from Yaguel's RBI single and a wild pitch. Tyrese Camacho also hit an RBI single in the sixth, while the Enforcers tallied one run apiece from the second to fourth inning before they failed to score in the last three with Dickinson on the mound.

In the Senior League match, a six-run bottom of the fifth inning allowed the Falcons to take full control of the game.

Before that explosion, the Falcons were just up by two, 3-1, after four complete innings. Neldrey Skerei had an RBI triple, Kimo Angailen, Rich Atalig, and Jay Kalen each hit an RBI single, and Henry Aguon converted an RBI double and also reached off the Enforcers' error to give the Falcons a 9-1 advantage after five complete innings.

The Enforcers managed to nail only one run at the top of the sixth with Nat Nogis scoring off a Falcons' error, allowing the Falcons to take the win half an inning early.

Atalig got the win, pitching in no relief and giving up only five hits while fanning out eight.

Meanwhile, the Braves eased past the Comets, 10-2, in the Big League pairing last Saturday.

Ian Norita went 3-for-4 at bat for the Braves and scored two runs and three RBIs. Franklin Lieto was only 1-for-3 at the plate, but added two RBIs and two runs, while Barry Sunumai and Juan Quitugua also chipped in two runs each.

The Braves lit up the board in five out of the seven-inning game, while the Comets scored only in the fourth off Greg Sablan's two-run triple.



Catindig gets break in ROP 19

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Debuting fighter Marc Catindig got lucky in Rites of Passage 19: Seek and Destroy after winning over Denny Jepehn in last Saturday's lone

kickboxing bout at the Royal Taga Hall of Saipan World Resort.

Catindig was handed the victory via verbal submission at the 2:30 mark of the second round as Jepehn signaled to referee Keith Nabors that he could not continue the fight.

Jepehn had difficulty breathing after colliding with Catindig in the second round and following eventful first which saw the former peppering his foe with kicks and strikes on the body and face. Jepehn was clearly ahead on points when he waved the white flag.

Meanwhile, Timmy Salas, Justin "Ichi Banger" Quichocho, Jones Langu, Vince Tor-

res, Jay Muna, Chris Tabligan, Sloppy "Joe" Lee, and Marc "Dos Ekkis" Vidauri won their respective MMA bouts.

Salas, an independent fighter, used his quickness to score points via punches on Jonrey "Illest" Gilles body en route to a unanimous decision victory in their 120-lb duel and the first MMA fight of the night.

In the second MMA bout, Quichocho of Guam Muay Thai earned a TKO win (kick and flurry of strikes) versus Team Zalaka's Bradley "Kaboom" Manalo at the two-minute mark of the first round.

Torres of Team Rage also recorded a TKO victory (flurry of strikes) just 31 seconds

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BSI Aces take first victory; North Starz prevails

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The Aces barged into the win column, while the North Starz got its second victory in the 2016 Saipan Baseball League.

The Best Sunshine International-backed Aces edged the Yankees, 11-9, last Tuesday to register their first triumph in five games, while the North Starz had a similar close win against the Falcons, 12-9, last Wednesday.

Starting catcher Verlance Secharmidal helped the Aces snap its losing skid after scoring three RBIs off his 2-for-5 performance at the plate. He also made two runs and one triple. Ben Jones Jr. added two RBIs after going 2-for-3 at bat, while Darion Jones and John Tudela chipped in one RBI each.

The Aces reached home in eight of the nine-inning game, posting their most runs (4) at the top of the fourth behind Secharmidal's two-run triple. Secharmidal also made it home, while the other run came off Ben Jones' RBI single.

The Yankees countered

with only one run in the first six innings off Mario Salas' RBI single to fall behind, 1-8, before rallying in the seventh and eighth after tacking on

eight runs. Salas had an RBI single and RBI double in that comeback, while Pete Tomokane blasted a two-run single. Franco Nakamura contrib-

uted an RBI single and the Yankees got two more runs off the Aces' errors and one from a wild pitch to move within one, 9-10, going into the ninth inning.

The Aces gained cushion at the top of the ninth with Jeremy Atalig reaching off a fielder's choice and kept the lead and the win when the Yankees had a 1-2-3 inning at the bottom.

In the North Starz-Falcons tussle, the former's pitcher Ben Lizama had a complete game, allowing only two hits and one run in the last four innings to lift his team to victory.

Before Lizama held his ground and his teammates also stepped up on defense in the final four frames, the North Starz and Falcons had several exchanges, leaving the eventual winner just ahead by two, 10-8. The North Starz took the lead after five complete innings as it got three runs off the Falcons' miscues and an RBI double from Nico Martin at the top of the fifth. The North Starz added two more runs off the Falcons' booboos in the seventh, while the Falcons answered with only one run in the eighth to absorb their second loss in five games.



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BSI Aces players warm up before their game against the Chalan Kanoa Bears last week in the 2016 Saipan Baseball League at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.



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Marc Catindig, left, hits Denny Jepehn during the second round of their kickboxing bout in Rites of Passage 19: Seek and Destroy held last Saturday at the Royal Taga Hall of Saipan World Resort.

Warriors
roll into
second round
without Curry

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slam, solo HR
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Sun Palace, Tan Holdings triumph

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Sun Palace and Tan Holdings claimed the spring championships in the 2016 M-League.

Sun Palace ruled Division 2 after posting a field-best 8-1-1 win-draw-loss record. Sun Palace capped the season with a 4-1 victory over Kanoa FC last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex. Kanoa finished third in the double-round robin contest with its 4-2-4 slate behind runner-up Shirley's FC (5-2-3) and ahead of World Resort (4-2-4), Thundercats (2-4-4), and the CNMI Women's National Team (1-1-6).

Sun Palace's last four goals came after Kanoa drew first blood off Ronel Ocanada's shot in the 19th minute. Feng Chun Jin equalized for Sun Palace in the 27th, while a goal from Sang Ho Choi



11 minutes later put the eventual division champion on top. Jun Sik and Cosmos Kim delivered then delivered the killer blows for Sun Palace after they scored in the 47th and 49th minute, re-

spectively.

In Division 1, Tan Holdings defeated MP United, 3-1, to complete the spring season with a 6-1-1 record, three wins ahead of Paire/Inter Godfather's (3-3-3). Korean Football Association on Saipan also had a 3-3-3 mark, but dropped to third as Paire/Inter had more goals, 21-15, while MP United (2-3-2) and Matansa (0-0-7) rounded out the field.

Tan Holdings registered its first two goals against MP United off penalty kicks from Tadaomi Yasuda in the 33rd minute and Genki Sato in the 41st. Yasuda also made Tan Holdings' last goal as he found



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Sun Palace's En San Cui, left, steps into the play to battle a Kanoa FC player for possession during the first half of their Division 2 game in the M-League last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Thea goes for last hurrah in nationals

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Former CNMI junior player Thea Minor wants to go out with a bang as she competes in the NJCAA Nationals from May 7 to 13 at the Murphy Tennis Center in Tyler, Texas.

"I just want to enjoy and work hard one last time in the nationals for junior college before moving up in NCAA Division 2 next fall," said Minor, who is on her last year with the New Mexico Military Institute in Division 1 of the National Junior College Athletics Association and will be suiting up for Henderson State University in Arkansas next year.

Minor's squad made it to the nationals for the second straight year after placing at No. 12 in the rankings. In the individual rankings, Minor and her doubles partner Lorraine Banimataku of Fiji moved up to No. 8 from No. 10 last year, while in the singles, the Commonwealth netter is ranked at No. 24.

In last year's nationals, Minor made it to the quarterfinals both in the singles and doubles, while NMMI finished at No. 12. This year, the 21-year-old daughter of



MINOR

Joy and Boyet Minor sees a much tougher individual competition, while she likes her team's overall chances.

"I would say my chances will be a lot harder this year compared to last's since I moved up to play No. 1 in singles for the team this season. Last year, we only have four players, but now we have a full team so I think our chances to move further into the tournament are higher. We have a pretty strong team this year," said Minor.

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NMA completes All Schools qualifiers

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Northern Marianas Athletics concluded the qualifying events for the 2016 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Track and Field Championships yes-

terday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

The final day of the series of qualifiers had seven events with students from Marianas High School,



Saipan Southern High School, Kagman High School, Agape Christian School, Marianas Baptist Academy, Saipan International School, and Hopwood competing in the 400m,

800m, 1,500, and 3,000m races and shotput, discus, and javelin throws.

Meet director Elias Rangamar said the Top 10 finishers in the four middle distance races and field events will qualify for the All Schools competition, which will run from May 4 to 7. Tinian, which had its own qualifier, are given two slots.

In the sprint events (60m, 100m, and 200m), only the Top 6 will make it to next week's tournament. Qualifiers in the sprints races were held last week.

William S. Reyes Elementary School dominated the boys U7, U9, and U11 qualifiers in the 60m last April 18 and the girls U9 and U11, while Saipan Community School's Youna Li foiled the Kingfishers' sweep in the sprint after topping the girls U7 qualifier.

WSR got the first place sweep in the girls and boys

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Runners in the U14 age group race in the 800m qualifying run for the 2016 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Athletics Championships yesterday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.